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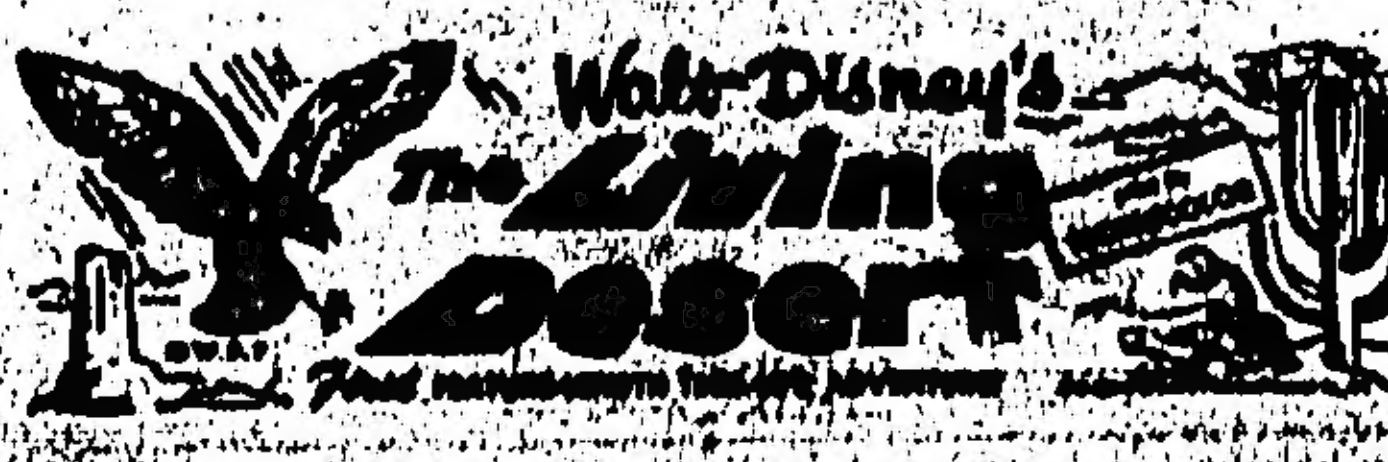


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CHINA DEMANDS ACTION ON STUDENTS IN AMERICA

London, Aug. 24.

Communist China called on the United States today to prove "with deeds, not words" that it is not preventing Chinese students in the US from returning to their Red homeland.

A Peking Radio broadcast monitored here gave the text of an editorial in the People's Daily—official organ of the Red Chinese Government—which welcomed the news that the US intends to give Chinese students the choice of returning to their homeland or staying in America.

But it questioned whether the US really intended to implement its promise. "The American Government has resorted to all sorts of measures in the past few years, including intimidation and persecution, to prevent Chinese students from returning home," charged the People's Daily.

Hinder Them

"We certainly welcome the announcement that the Chinese students are able to come back, but the question is whether these words are being transformed into reality. Unfortunately, the facts do not tally with the US Government's words. The US Government's immigration service had demanded that all students wishing to leave the country do so within two weeks, 'solely to hinder them.' It also stated 'the molestation of the deportation procedure' as one of the methods by which the United States allegedly tries to keep Chinese students from returning home." —United Press.

Wool Prices Likely To Fall

Melbourne, Aug. 24. Wool prices at next week's sales are likely to drop sharply because of the Australian wool shippers' refusal to renew the current contract for wool shipments expiring on August 31, exporters said today. The wool shippers' decision follows a stand by overseas ship-owners for a 10 per cent increase in freight rates to Britain and Europe. Mr. A. Parks, President of the New South Wales Development Group, said buyers would go carefully because they always took into account the costs that had to be met in shipping wool to their home countries. —China Mail Special.

Moscow-Belgrade Air Service

Belgrade, Aug. 24. A delegation of the Yugoslav Government left here today for Moscow to discuss with Soviet representatives the conclusion of a civil air transport convention, it was announced today. The delegation, headed by Mr. Dragoje Djuric, a Foreign Office official, will also negotiate the establishment of a regular air service between Moscow and Belgrade. —Reuter.

GRAIN RATIONING ON MAINLAND

London, Aug. 24. A SYSTEM of rationing grain is to be introduced into Chinese towns and inland and mining centres before the end of November, the Communist New China News Agency reported today. The ration will vary according to age and type of work. For instance, those on particularly heavy physical work will receive 55 catties (a catty is just over a pound) of wheat flour a month. Office workers, teachers and shop assistants will get 31 catties, and "residents in general" 27.5 catties.

The news agency also announced new measures designed "to raise still further the initiative of peasants in increasing grain output."

In rural areas households will be classified as those that are self-sufficient and those with a grain deficiency.

Between 80 and 90 per cent of any surplus will be bought by the State, the Agency said. The self-sufficient households will not be required to sell grain and will not be allowed to buy it. The deficient households will be supplied by the State. —Reuter.

Western Co-Ordination For Foreign Ministers' Talks

Washington, Aug. 24.

The United States Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Mr. Livingston Merchant, will leave for Britain, France and Germany on Sunday for talks on the scheduled October Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting, the State Department announced here today.

Mr. Lincoln White, a Department spokesman, said Mr. Merchant's talks would be part of a United States plan to co-ordinate the positions of Britain, France and the United States and bring Atlantic Pact allies up to date on "advanced thinking" on the meeting.

Speaking at his daily press conference Mr. White said as part of the preparations for the Big Four meeting the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, would meet the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Harold Macmillan and the French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay. Joint working parties of lower level diplomats would be held also, he said. —Reuter.

SECURITY CHIEF SUSPENDED

Beirut, Aug. 24.

Lebanese security chief, Enir Faird Shihab, and several other security officials, were suspended today following revolutions that General Adib Shihab, former President of Syria now in exile, had clandestinely spent several days in Lebanon before being forced to leave for Europe.

The Lebanese Government, informed sources said, considers the matter serious enough to take stern measures, regardless of the truth or falseness of rumours that Shihab had been laying plans for a coup d'etat in Syria against the new President, Shukri Kuwiti. —France-Press.

SHY LITTLE PRINCESS



Ex-King Leopold and wife, Princess de Rethy with King Baudouin join in the fun while actor Georges amuses little Princess Marie Christine with a mask after the special performance of "Les Quatre Fils Aymon" seen by the Belgian Royal Family in the grounds of the Chateau d'Ardenne. —Express Photo.

Big Flood Relief Programme

Washington, Aug. 24.

The White House announced late today that the Federal Government will undertake a big flood relief programme without calling a special session of Congress.

The programme calls for up to \$100,000,000 of Federal money to be spent for repair of public facilities and clearance of debris. Uncalculated additional amounts will be put out in free surplus food, loans to farmers, loans to private home owners and businessmen and special treatment for defence plants.

President Eisenhower approved the plans during a brief stopover at the White House before departing for Denver late today to resume his vacation.

The Civil Defence Chief, Val Peterson, in charge of Federal efforts to aid flood victims, told reporters at the White House: "Every agency of the Government is being contacted to see whether there are any specific ways they can do something to help."

No Exceptions

The presidential Press Secretary, James Hagerty, said the Congressional leaders of both Parties had agreed "without exception" to the desirability of using money the Government already has. "We believe the Government can meet the situation without calling a special session of Congress," said Mr. Hagerty.

The programme outlined by Mr. Hagerty also included ways of housing and business damage, loan of Federal Health officers and scientists to the States.

Genoa, Aug. 24.

A liner, the Aurelia, left here yesterday for Trieste and Australia with 148 young wives and fiancées of Italian migrants in Australia. Most of the girls were married recently by proxy, but others will marry when they reach Australia. They are from all over Italy. —China Mail Special.

Britain Eases Restrictions

London, Aug. 24. Britain announced today that she is easing her strict currency regulations to help victims of the floods which have swept the northeast United States.

An announcement from No. 10 Downing Street said: "Her Majesty's Government, remembering with gratitude the generous assistance received from the United States and from Canada in the flood disasters in this country, wish it to be known that they are allowing reasonable freedom of remittance in aid of the grievous floods in North America." —United Press.

Red Cross Appeal

Geneva, Aug. 24. The International Red Cross today launched a world appeal here for aid to the millions of victims of the floods which have recently ravaged regions of India and Pakistan.

Some assistance has already been prepared in different European centres. The first shipments of aid material to the disaster areas will take place within the next 48 hours. —France-Press.

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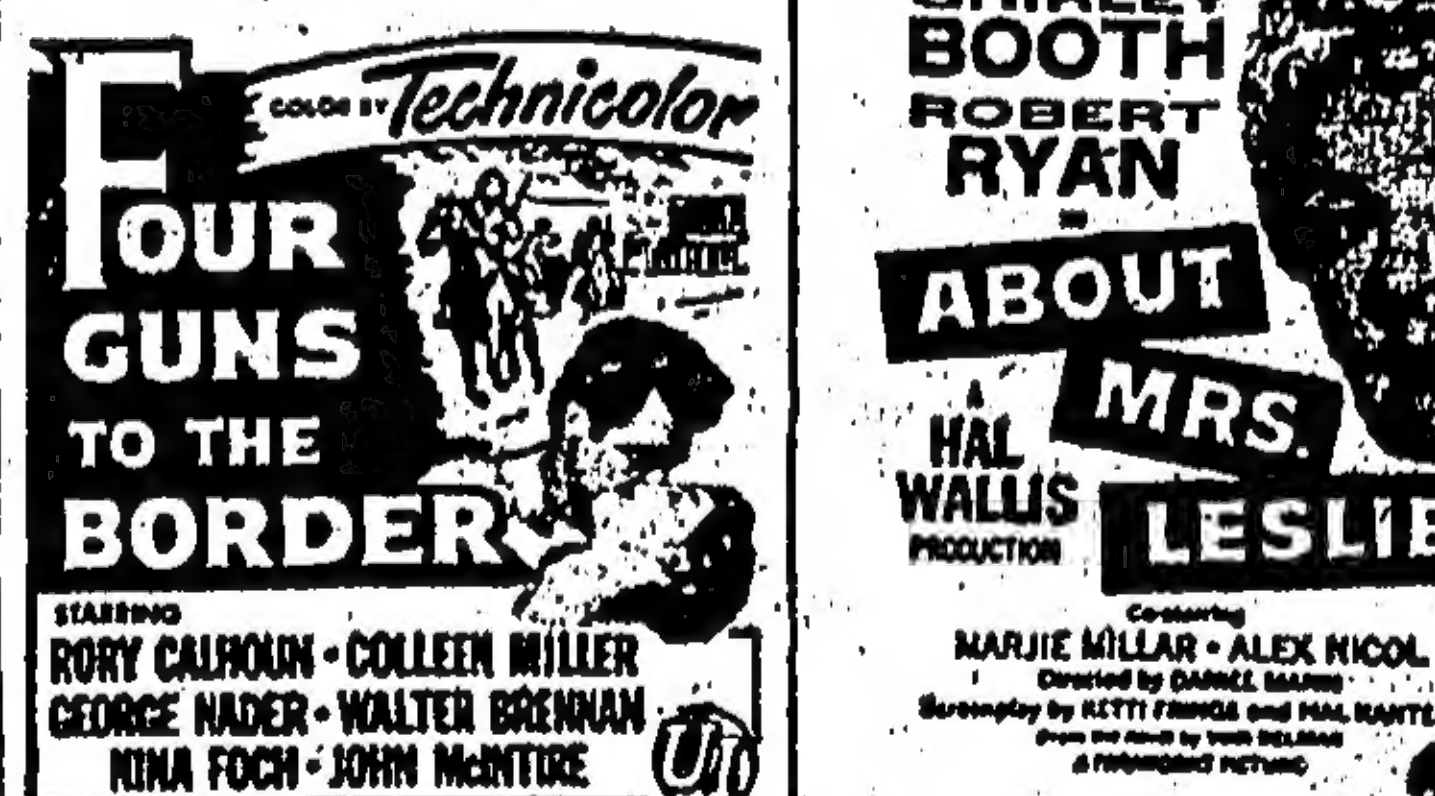
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NUTTING HOPEFUL ABOUT DISARMING Area Of Disagreement With Russia Narrowed Down 'SIGNS ARE GOOD'

London, Aug. 24.

Mr Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, left here by air today for New York to lead the British delegation to the United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee's talks beginning on Monday.

Mr Nutting is accompanied by several senior officials including Rear-Admiral G. A. Thring, of the Defence Ministry.

The Disarmament Sub-Committee's other member nations are France, the United States, Canada and Russia. Mr Nutting, before leaving London Airport, expressed optimism about the talks. "We are all to some extent groping in the dark, but signs are good," he said.

He stressed that he would press for the acceptance of Sir Anthony Eden's suggestion, made at the "summit" conference in Geneva last month, for inspection on both sides of the dividing line in Europe.

Further Steps

He added: "I am hopeful that we shall be able to take further steps towards the solution of the disarmament problem. The Russians on May 10 accepted a number of proposals which he had been urging upon them for a very long time. It is fair to say that by the time the disarmament conference adjourned in London in May our discussions had not only narrowed the area of disagreement between Russia and the West but, what is more important, they had taken on a much more realistic tone."

The Minister declared they were not yet in sight of an agreed scheme for disarmament but had reached agreement about a number of things they would like to do when disarmament came.

How To Control

The most difficult problem was how to control disarmament, he said. "I think I can fairly say that the Russians appear to be looking at this problem of disarmament somewhat more realistically than they have done in the past," Mr Nutting added.—Reuter.

Ancient Curse Lingers On

Ottawa, Aug. 24.

The ancient "Walking Bear" curse is still feared by Indians on Manitoulin Island, at the North end of Lake Huron, according to Sylvia, a publication of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

This was revealed, Sylvia states, when the Ontario Paper Company put up posters designed to encourage prevention of forest fires which employed the figures of "Smoking Bear" and his cubs, represented as standing on two feet instead of all four. Mr John Walker, a company official, declared that "as fast as we put up the signs, they were destroyed or defaced, though in some cases only the picture of the bear was torn out."

At first, children were suspected, but it was noticed that posters near the Indian reservation suffered most. When the signs were replaced with other posters, featuring beaver and anything but bears-on-two-legs, they remained untouched.

Murder Trial

The paper company came to the conclusion that an old Indian curse prevalent 100 years ago still lingers in Manitoulin. The Indians are unwilling to talk about it to white men, so little is known about it except such information as was gleaned during the murder trial of an Indian.

"Walking Bear" is a sorcerer assuming many shapes and using many tools, bones and herbs to make "bad medicine." He is the ministrations of good medicine men fail to remove the evil effects created by Walking Bear, then it may be necessary to kill the "Walking Bear Spirit."

The favourite recipe for killing a "Walking Bear" appears to have been simple and inexpensive. It consisted of cutting up a Canadian five-cent piece (nickel) into small pieces and loading them into an old-fashioned muzzle loader. Only one tiny piece of the nickel was used, the "Walking Bear" spirit in order to kill him, but the man himself could not look directly at the target; the wife would receive the curse.—China Mail Special.

Operations In

Malaya

INSHORE SHELLING EFFECTIVE

Operating close inshore, ships of the British Navy have been increasingly used in recent months in intensified military operations against Communist forces in Malaya, a communiqué of the British Admiralty said today.

Success of the naval bombardments of Communist camps, supply, and courier routes, said the communiqué, has been measured in terms of preventing major terrorist incidents rather than in terms of the number of casualties inflicted.

Bombardments which have taken place during 30 days in the past three months, the Admiralty said, have involved the expenditure of some two thousand rounds of high explosive shells.—France-Press.

New York, Aug. 24. Patrol dogs employed in one of the largest New York Department stores have stopped a spate of thefts committed by people who used to hide in the store at night and leave next morning when the store reopened.—China Mail Special.

Britain Now Europe's Big Wool Producer

London, Aug. 25.

Britain now produces more wool than any other country in Europe — outside the Communist sphere — and has the eighth largest production in the world, the British Wool Marketing Board stated today (Thursday).

For the third successive year British wool fetched higher prices and its marketing costs lower than the year before, the Board added in its annual report.

This was due to improved standard of wool production in Britain and to the growing reputation of the Board's organised system of marketing, paying special attention to buyers' needs, it said.

THE CLIP

The 1954 British wool clip totalled 72,500,000 lbs which was 3,300,000 lbs five per cent more than the 1953 clip.

It was sold at an average of 54.6 pence per lb totalling £16,500,000 in value. The guaranteed price paid to producers was 54 pence per lb while marketing costs amounted to 4.21 pence per lb.

New financial arrangements with the Government set "an assured pattern for the future," the Board added.—Reuter.

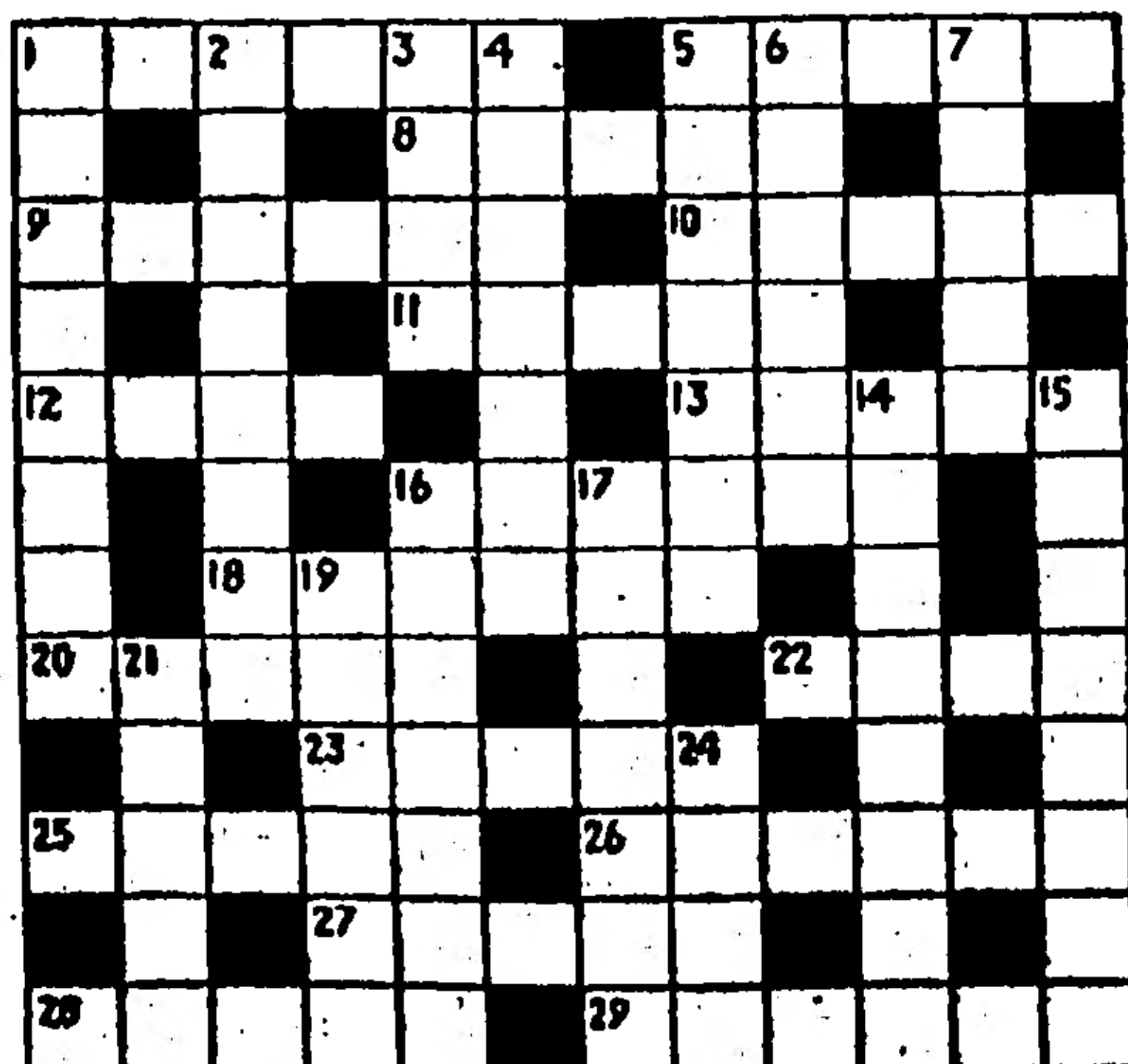
Convertiplane Tested

Washington, Aug. 24. The American Army said today that a "Convertiplane" combining the characteristics of both the aeroplane and helicopter has been tried out at the Bell Aircraft works at Fort Worth, Texas.

The machine has already taken off vertically and climbed to a height of 25 feet. Experiments will be made to see what it can do horizontally.

The convertiplane is very like an ordinary aircraft. The main difference is in the three propellers mounted on a rotary arm at the end of each wing.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Little-tattle (6).
- 5 Jacket (6).
- 8 Torrier (6).
- 9 Felon (6).
- 10 Lubricated (5).
- 11 Wooden shoe (6).
- 12 Litter colour (4).
- 13 Nuisances (5).
- 14 Demure (6).
- 18 Anger (6).
- 20 Pretended (6).
- 22 Fish (4).
- 23 Part of a church (6).
- 25 Fruit (6).
- 26 Dotted (6).
- 27 Condition (5).
- 28 Confused fight (6).
- 29 Harlots (6).

DOWN

- 1 Flower (6).
- 2 Take away (6).
- 3 Freezes up (4).
- 4 Sunshade (7).
- 5 Cavalryman (7).
- 6 Joins (6).
- 7 Lifeline (6).
- 14 Sit astride (6).
- 15 Goes down (6).
- 16 Dressmaker (7).
- 17 Exhaust (7).
- 19 Funeral carriage (6).
- 21 Mediterranean island (6).
- 24 Uniform (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Last, 7. Erupt, 8. Exit, 9. Nios, 10. Merited, 12. Grod, 13. Shed, 14. Erodo, 15. Onits, 22. Abet, 23. Serry, 24. Lona, 25. Aerated, 26. Corna, 27. Aris, 28. Srip, 33. Hole. Down: 1. Green, 2. Upright, 4. Abide, 5. Head, 6. Pile, 9. Need, 11. Treas, 12. Root, 14. Wren, 16. Debar, 17. Coal, 18. Sign, 20. Repasts, 22. Area, 24. Camel, 25. Septa, 27. Earn, 28. Bear.

ATOMBURGERS COMING UP



Vivacious Kathy Norris sizzles hamburgers in a skillfully heated by America's first commercial atomic power. Kathy demonstrated atomic cooking at a historic ceremony recently at West Milton, New York, where Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, threw the switch that sent the first commercial atomic electric power surging through the lines of the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. A General Electric turbine-generator was powered by steam from a land-based prototype atomic reactor for the Navy submarine Seawolf constructed for the Atomic Energy Commission. — Express Photo.

New York Support For Gen. Sun Li-Jen

New York, Aug. 24.

An editorial in the New York World-Telegram and Sun today said it was "inconceivable" that Gen. Sun Li-jen, who was forced out as Chiang Kai-shek's Chief of Staff "would have even the slightest connection with Communist factions."

"Yet he is pressured into resigning for negligence because an obscure subordinate got his feet wet with Communist intrigue as charged," the Scripps-Howard newspaper said. "That a four-star General should be disgraced and punished for the reasons announced is absurd if not preposterous."

First Tourists In Moscow

Moscow, Aug. 24.

A group of 28 tourists — 26 British and two Australians — the first to visit Russia since the war, arrived from Leningrad today by train for a six-day stay in Moscow.

The group includes a number of people born in Russia or in territory ceded to the Soviet Union since the war, who hope to trace relatives.

Small parties of Britons have previously come to Moscow in connection with matches played here by English football teams, but this is the first group to come purely on a tourist basis.—China Mail Special.

RETURNED AIRMAN MAKING PROGRESS

Seoul, Aug. 24.

A Fifth Air Force spokesman said today that Lieutenant Guy H. Bumpas, returned by the Communists yesterday, was resting well in bed at 121 Evacuation Hospital near Incheon, being held for "further observation."

The spokesman said Lieutenant Bumpas had "apparently no infection" and added that the cut in his head was healing fine.

Lieutenant Bumpas' trainer plane was shot down by Communist fire in the northern sector of Korean demilitarized zone. He was returned by Communist yesterday in the demilitarized zone with body of a passenger of his plane, Captain Charles W. Brown.—Reuter.

Police And Troops On Alert In Brazil

Rio De Janeiro, Aug. 24.

POLICE and troops were on the alert throughout Brazil today—the first anniversary of the suicide of President Vargas—but no incidents were reported in the early part of the day.

The Communist Party, which had been active in the past, was reported to be on the alert in the country.

lead to a possible attempt at a military coup d'état.

Police chiefs in all centers of the country were alerted to the possibility of a military coup d'état. The former dictator who shot himself a year ago today in the presidential palace after the army had forced his resignation.

The cause of the political tension in the country is the presidential election due in October. The Army is reported to fear that the probable election of Juscelino Kubitschek, former Governor of the state of Minas Gerais, would mean the "return" of the corrupt regime of Vargas and a new military dictatorship.

Diplomat Worried Over Cyprus BRITAIN'S FAILURE TO GIVE SOVEREIGNTY

London, Ontario, Aug. 24.

The Greek Ambassador to Canada, Raoul Bibica-Rosetti, is particularly worried about Britain's failure to give Cyprus sovereignty, especially now that the Russians have launched a peace offensive, he said last night.

The Ambassador visited London, where he was a guest of the city's Greek community. At a press conference he said British, Greek and Turkish relations may be ruptured if Britain refused Cypriot demands for self-determination and the right to unite with Greece or remain an autonomous state.

He said now was the time for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation to be stronger than ever before, but the present crisis might touch off hostilities in the Near East.

The Ambassador outlined the possible route Communist countries could follow in an attempt to conquer the Near East and Africa if the Cypriot issue was not resolved and Britain was asked by the Greek Government to withdraw its forces from the country.

Claim Abandoned

The Foreign Ministers of Greece, Britain and Turkey are scheduled to meet on August 29 to study military security of the Mediterranean and the Cyprus issue, Mr Bibica-Rosetti said.

He said Britain was "not diplomatically astute" in inviting Turkey to the talks. He said it appeared to the Greek people as a move to rupture relations between Greece and Turkey. He said under the Treaty of Lausanne in 1923 Turkey abandoned any future claim to Cyprus and in 1925 it was proclaimed a British colony.

According to the Greek Ambassador Cyprus is not necessary in the defence of the West, but Britain maintains that it is.—United Press.

Interparliamentary Union Admits Red Delegations

Helsinki, Aug. 24.

Parliamentary delegations from Albania, the Soviet Union, Liberia, and Spain have been admitted to the Interparliamentary Congress which opens here tomorrow.

With the admission of these four nations, 48 nations now make up the number of countries participating in the Interparliamentary Union.

The Executive Committee of the Interparliamentary Union met today to set up the order of business of the Congress.

Almost all of the 375 delegates to the 44th Interparliamentary Congress have arrived in the Finnish capital.

The Congress, which will bring more than 600 persons into Helsinki, many of them journalists and members of secretariat staffs, has caused a minor housing shortage in this city of 400,000 inhabitants which has only 6 first-class hotels.

Delegation Heads

Among the heads of delegations who have arrived are Carlo Schmidt, Vice President of the West German Bundestag; Sander Kozar, President of the Hungarian National Assembly; Kamah Khallil, Iranian Minister of Education; Soviet Minister of Culture, Mikhailov.

Sheplov, President of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR has also arrived, as well as Henry Tailla, a member of the United States House of Representatives and head of the American delegation to the Congress.—France-Press.

Prof Cotton Dead

Sydney, Aug. 24.

Professor Frank Cotton, former research professor at Sydney University, died last night at the age of 66.

He invented the pressurized suit for airmen during the last war.—United Press.

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SEEING THE PEOPLE'S CHINA WITH RUSSELL SPURR



WITH CHOU EN-LAI at the NEW 'NIGHT CLUB'

I WAS dining with Chou En-lai. So were a thousand other people. We were scattered at small tables around the hall of a Peking hotel. The occasion: Some East European national day.

I could see Red China's Premier quite well through opera glasses. He sat sipping vodka, seldom speaking, beside an envoy of the Soviet Union. Chou nodded absently to interpreted chatter. Suddenly he stood up. His teeth and his upturned glass glittered in the floodlights. This was the public Chou—the magazine-cover figure I had just been watching through the loudspeakers: "To peace, to friendship among peoples, to a peaceful solution of all the outstanding issues." Everyone drank. Everyone applauded.

The girls

PRETTY little Chinese girls, got up to look like Russians, played an accordion and sang Russian songs. A pimply pianist staggered through an agonising Chopin mazurka. Acrobats did impossible things on a stage. But Premier Chou paid little attention. He lapsed back into his private pose, sipping the vodka and smiling the kind of smile that makes Westerners think the Chinese are inscrutable.

I wondered if he could be recalling another toast only five months ago. Mao Tse-tung was present then. It was some great Chinese-Russian occasion. A hastily-painted portrait of Bulgarian, still unwashed, beamed down like Buffalo Bill from a forest of flags.

Chou was not smiling then. Chou was a Chinese war lord. "We will liberate Formosa from the American aggressors. We warn them now—if they want war they can have it."

Well, Formosa is no longer mentioned in Chinese Communist society.

Instead, there is an absorbing witch hunt for "counter-revolutionaries."

The clubs

NATIONAL days are a substitute for night clubs in Peking.

Night clubs have long been closed. Frequent, well-attended celebrations in a Peking hotel serve to bring society together.

There are a few non-comrades. Representatives of the Western diplomatic corps trying not to look as if they are enjoying themselves. Indian and Burmese diplomats trying to look as if they are.

Professional delegates, cultural or economic, who seem to spend their lives the V.I.P. way as guests of innumerable Governments.

Itinerant journalists bewitched or bothered according to their political persuasion.

Gushing Russians, beaming Bulgarians, cheerful Czechs, all guzzling free food and liquor. The same old guests keep coming back for more—even anticipating each event on their personal red-starred calendars.

The dance

TIME to dance. A Chinese military band had broken out into Socialist ballroom music. Not much different from the kind you could hear

in the Palais at home, except it is played worse.

A massive woman diplomat from Moscow had dragged a protesting Russian journalist on to the dance floor. They jiggled through the straggle like a bulldozer propelled by vodka.

Members of the British Embassy, apologetically stubbing their partners' toes, stepped politely aside. Communist officials watched admiringly as they cut a swath through the hall.

The women

THE lean, post-revolutionary days are over. Enjoyment is the order, the very definite order, of the day.

Women's dress is back too—by party decree. Five years of male impersonation are over. Slacks are out, skirts in.

A few of the older women guests had actually managed to dig out pre-Communist dresses which smelt of mothballs.

Some of the young girls had managed to improvise extraordinary creations out of material that looked like curtaining.

They watched with envy the beefy Soviet women gliding round in Peking-made party dresses that would have suited—and fitted—the elderly Queen Victoria.

I wondered what had happened to the glamorous Russian women of the old spy novels.

These new versions seemed to have spent their girlhood exercising with pneumatic drills. Their muscles were magnificent, their manner assured. They simply did not look like women.

The exit

THE music paused. Chou En-lai got to his feet. Was he going to dance? I regretted the Secret Police had impounded my camera.

But no, the master diplomat stroled through a crowd of admirers applauding himself in the Chinese Communist manner. He paused in a doorway, still half-smiling.

Then the band struck up, the dancers swirled around. Chou vanished into the hot summer night in his black bullet-proof car.

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PARIS NEWSLETTER

THE ABBE WINS THE BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE

From WILLIAM ROLAND

PARIS. The Fermeture Annuelle—the August shut down in Paris—extends even to the shelters where homeless working people who cannot afford the price of a hotel room normally get a place to sleep for the night.

In the face of official indifference the Abbe Pierre (real name Henri Groues—the Pierre is a legacy from the Resistance days) has come to the rescue. He has fought and won the battle of the bridge.

Rag pickers

The Abbe and his small army of rag pickers have commandeered the arches under the Pont de Sully in the centre of Paris. There they have set up army surplus tents, straw beds and even pots of geraniums and 400 people a night sleep underneath the arches.

Backed by the Paris Prefect of Police, M. Dubois, the Abbe defied an order from the River Navigation Authority to break up camp, and plans to swoop on other bridges while the holiday season lasts.

The Abbe's organisation—known as the Compagnons D'Emmaus—has come a long way since the days when he first rented a large old house in a Paris suburb and took in a few homeless people.

Small flat

It is now housed in a large building near the market bought out of public subscription. There were a staff of 10 with modern office equipment. The Abbe himself lives in a

top floor in a small flat, "mothered" and cooked for by his secretary, Mlle. Lucy Coutaz, who has worked with him since they were both in the Resistance at Grenoble.

She was one of the first women to be awarded the Croix de Guerre during the war. To date, Emmaus has borrowed 22,000,000 francs for housing projects—20 percent of it put down in cash—and it plans to build 2,000 new homes.

From the headquarters building the Abbe finds time to direct a fortnightly illustrated magazine with a 100,000 circulation.

A thousand rag pickers work for Emmaus. They pool their earnings and help build houses in their spare time. The Abbe draws only enough money from the organisation's funds for his bare needs. He said: "This all started because the house I first rented was too big for me."

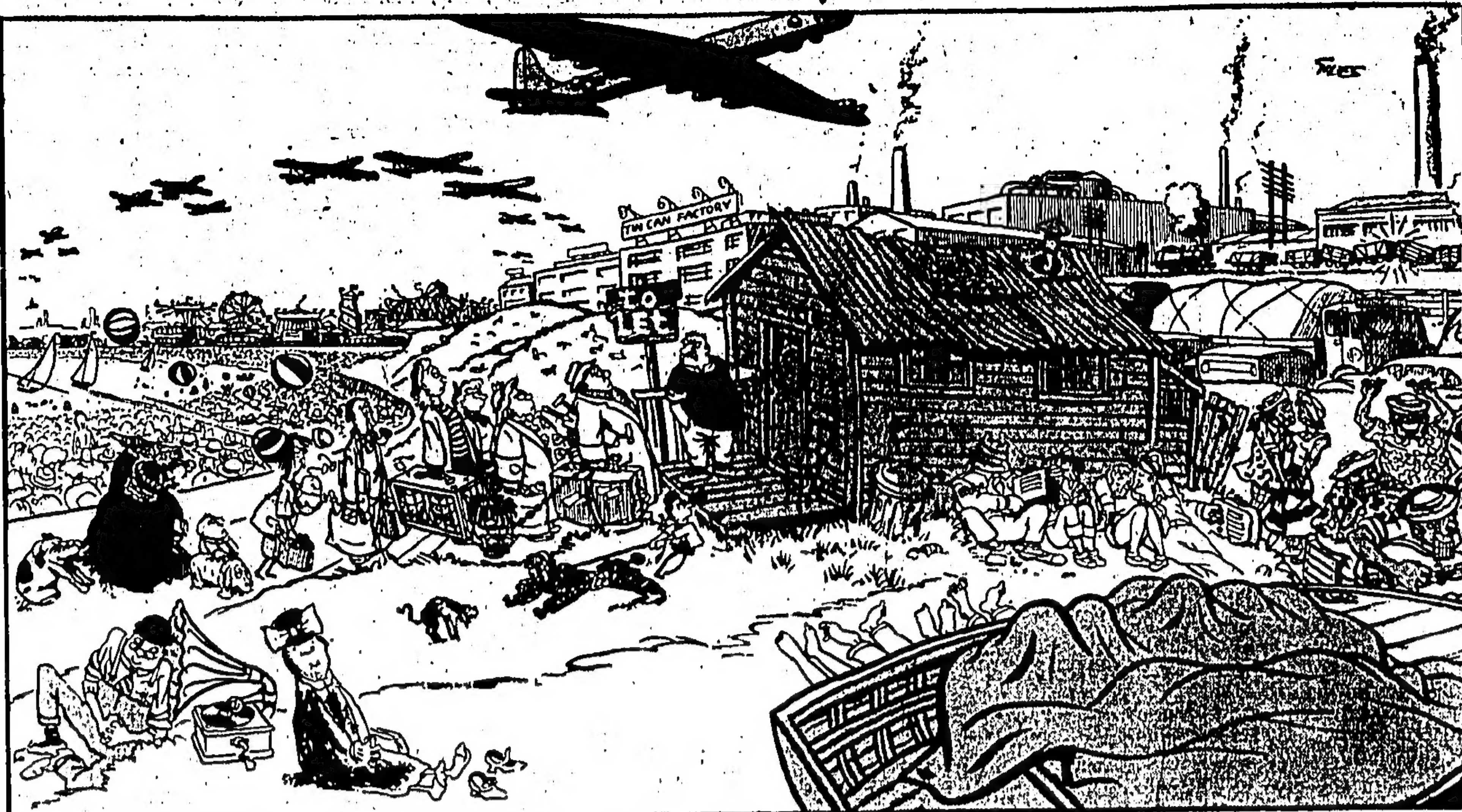
Like his friend Mendes France, the Abbe never dinks anything stronger than milk. His only recreation is to go off in his small car to some quiet spot for a day or two of absolute silence.

Lost and found

A PARIS tourist had his wallet stolen. It contained a steamship ticket and 50,000 francs (2,500). Scowling, the tourist went to the steamship company and bought a fresh ticket. He was advised to call at the lost property office. Next day the tourist, now overjoyed, returned to get a refund on the second ticket.

He had recovered his wallet. It was the original ticket. The 50,000 francs and several thousand francs more. The thief had lost the wallet and it had been found and handed in to the police.

THE GILES FAMILY ON HOLIDAY



"Oo said anything about peace and quiet? My advert said 'Seaside' ut, 'arf-minute from sea, not another 'ouse for miles,' and nor there ain't."

—(London Express Service).

The Prompt Marriage

● FACT or FICTION? All the stories in this series COULD be true... but did this one actually happen? The answer will be published tomorrow.



I learned that she had possessed once, staggering with a load of Christmas parcels to the post office. I could not close the front door behind me; this lapse put her in a rare talking about burglars. To make her happy I had bed-room locks put on her door and windows.

She had been with me a year when it befell that, late as usual, I was hurriedly preparing to go out to a dinner party and Anna came to my bedroom. She announced: "I have been in correspondence with someone through a marriage bureau."

"How enterprising," I applauded warmly—yet absently for I was applying lipstick. "And today we met," she continued. "With more leisure I'd have been as much interested. I hope as sympathetic, as would most people. Even as it was I had to ask how the occasion had prospered."

"I have had a proposal of marriage," confided Anna.

Radiant...

I was working on my face against time, and all the worse for interruptions; I felt that anyone else's life could wait until the morning. "Splendid, Anna!" I cried, still absent while enthusiastic. "Simply splendid. I wish I had 'you must tell me everything about it tomorrow.'"

"I have accepted," she persisted, "and I want to leave with him in two days' time." That shook me. I protested: "You can't do that. You have to give me a week's notice. The minimum I could give you." "But suppose he will not wait for me?" asked Anna.

I am a great believer in everyone's duty to honour material contracts, no matter how disadvantageous; and the retort that it he wouldn't wait a week he wasn't worth having was obvious. But Anna looked radiant like a young girl, and I thought it absurd to insist, whether or not I could have insisted successfully.

Lively and spry

She told me that she was quite a bit older than she was a recent widow with a bit of money. She wanted a nice cottage in Yorkshire. The marriage bureau had, of course, required to be satisfied as to his finances and serious intentions to marry.

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and perhaps with a little money tucked away—certainly with valuables of some kind behind those bed-sitting-room locks. When I met him next day in the kitchen, I formed a good impression. He had a pleasant appearance, was lively and spry, and seemed to get on with her famously.

The next day I waved them off in their taxi, with Anna's mountain of luggage and her three fur coats. A week later I got a letter from Anna, giving her full address, and asking me to send on a pair of shoes, some skeins of wool and an umbrella which she had left behind. She reported that she and Mr. Pritchard Palmer had indeed got married; immediately, but that she was posing as his housekeeper, because he did not want the neighbours to know that he had remarried quite so soon.

Civil letter

I did not altogether like this, especially the nuisance of doing up such a parcel. But I sent the stuff off, along with a civil letter. "I got no acknowledgment, and had engaged a new housekeeper; I heartily forgot the Pritchard Palmers."

A month or two later I got a letter from Mr. Pritchard Palmer, posted from Battersea. He had written: "Our marriage has been short but not sweet. Anna is a most deceitful woman. One day while I was out she managed to escape with all her stuff. Please be so kind as to inform me as soon as you hear of her address."

I thought this very odd. Anna was not deceitful, unless one were to say she was a little exaggeration against her. What sort of man would speak of his wife as "deceitful" from him? Why should he write to me upon a five-minute acquaintance, when if I were on anyone's side it must be Anna's? Then, evening, I showed the letter to a brilliant novelist. "He has murdered her," was the verdict. "What a lovely story! Why draw my attention to it?"

"Because Anna and you gave the impression that you might drop in on them in Yorkshire any day. You have the address, and are perhaps the most solid person she knows. He wants to get in first with his version of her disappearance, before you inquire on your own account."

I was ashamed that I did not intend to inquire and was palled at the thought that I could be anyone's most solid person. I dismissed my friend's theory as over-dramatic and lurid, but I was uneasy. Completing the round-up of my most distinguished acquaintance, I next showed the letter to a famous lawyer. I was badly shaken to find that he, too, thought it very sinister indeed.

A fluent glass

That night I dined with a friend alone at her house, and told her the story without name and address. We decided to play the game in which one puts the letters of the alphabet on a wooden table in a circle round a small glass, placing each a finger lightly on the glass, the fingers touching each other, and then asks questions. A current sets up and the glass swoops around, spelling sense or nonsense or sheer gibberish. I do not know why.

I have never seen the glass so fluent. Before we had time to open the topic which admittedly filled our minds, it spelt blood and death.

"Who is dead?" I certainly was not pushing the glass, but it dashed to and fro spelling Anna P.F., and on further inquiry Pritchard Palmer, and on further inquiry as to the address, Red Barn Cottage. It went so fast that I could not follow the letters; it was my friend who read aloud the words she could not possibly have known.

'Hole in moor'

"When did she die?" "Plenish his motor car." The spelling was slower now, by request, and I too could read. "Was it a car crash?" "Ha, ha, no."

"Then how did she die?" "Knife in neck." "Where is she now?" whispered my friend.

"Hole in moor," answered the glass. "We did not like our game. I could hardly nerve myself to keep this secret by 'not' spelling her name. I shall tell you another story in the series."

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for unconvincing, inconsistent replies. "Why did he marry her?" "Two hundred pounds in post office." "I did not know of this myself, though I was soon to learn that it was the very sum she had mentioned to my sister's cook. It might, perhaps, have been anyone's lucky guess."

"Why is he in London?" "Sell her little things." "What has he got for them?" "Thirty pounds."

Thenceforward the glass would do no more for us. Delicately sparring us its too usual B.F., B.F., it spelled only aw, or perhaps we were awed. The knife in the neck and the hole in the moor made shivery bed companions, and I was haunted, too, till sleep came, by the sale of her little things. For this explained what I had not thought of: why he was in London.

To support his story of her flight he had to dispose of her bulky gear. This could only be gradually—attempted in a large city. An outraged visit to the marriage bureau and a search in the

down where she'd surely go for re-employment could be his cover story. I could see him loading that car, of his at night; perhaps he had thought fit to take another picnic basket. He had buried her possessions in the second-hand markets as he had buried her body in the moor, and he was 230 the richer for it.

The next morning I received a letter with a Baywater address. It ran:

"Dear Miss Benson,

My husband turned out to be a perverse of the most awkward kind. So I will be much obliged if you will give me a reference. How are you?

Yours very sincerely, Anna."

I never learned what her husband was doing in Battersea, WORLD COPYRIGHT RESERVED

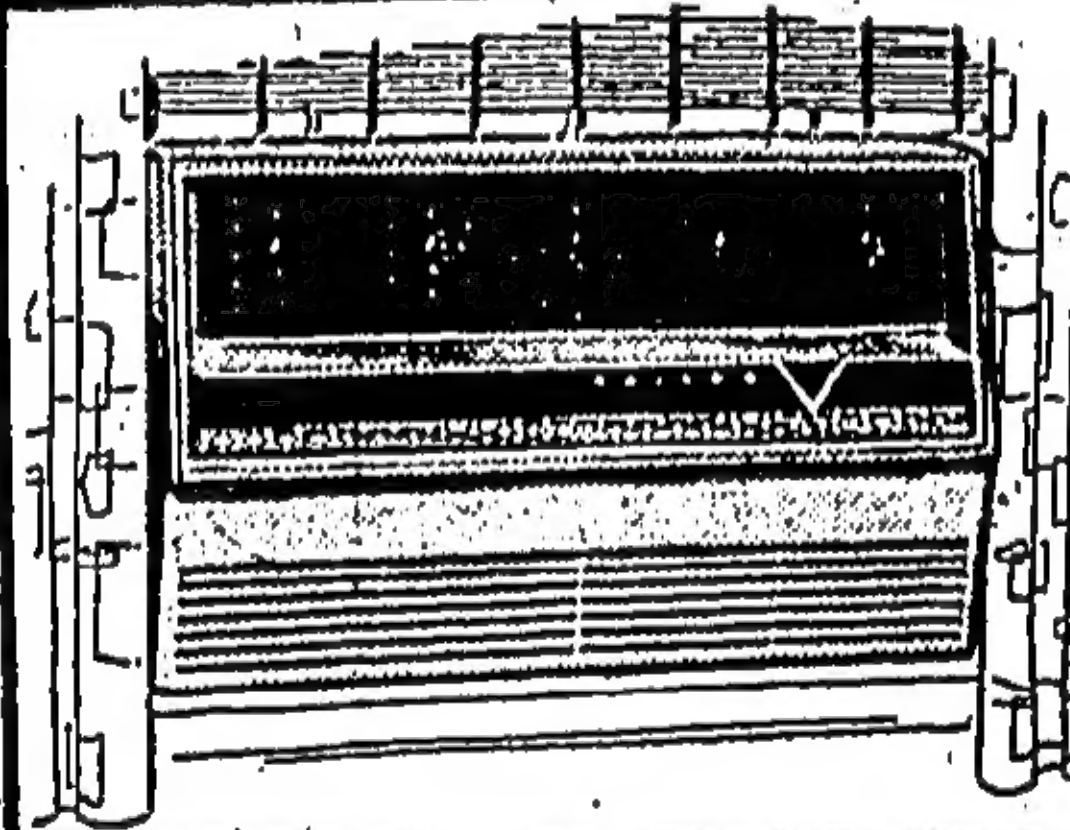
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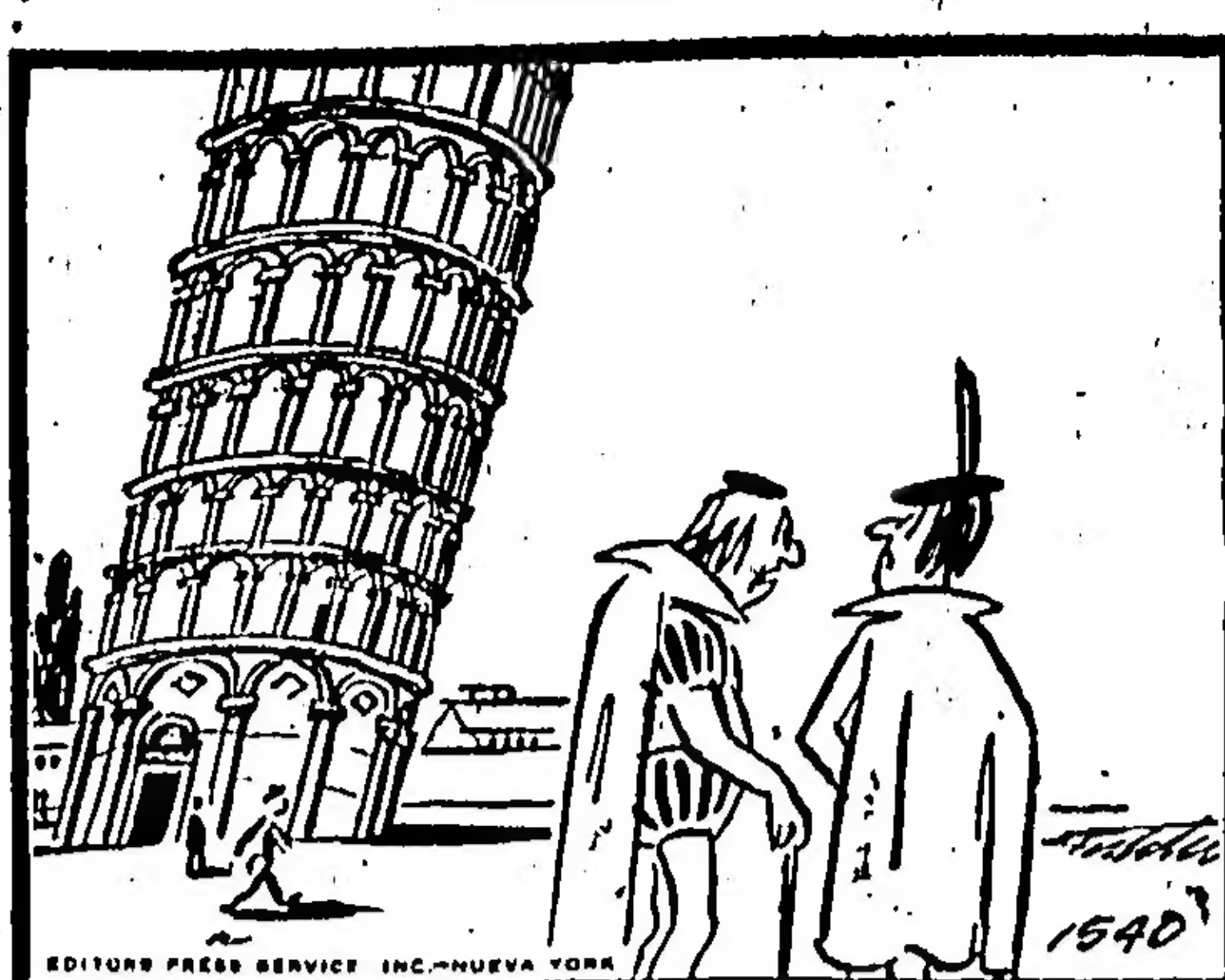
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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

IT is not every day that a pianist at a concert shouts to the audience, "This piano plays like a front gate. It should be used for firewood."

This happened in Sydney Town Hall the other day. Formal remarks of this sort establish a friendly feeling between audience and performer. Nobody who was in the Music Conservatory at Walsall on June 29 last year will ever forget the cheers when Rustiguzzi's accompanist said loudly, between two items, "I don't see the point of having a foghorn going on this clear summer day." And everybody knows Richter's rebuke to the violins in the Kuraal at Ostend: "If Brahms had wanted to include a number of sawmills in the orchestra, he would have indicated the fact in the score."

"Germaine, oil Mr Cladwell's bat!"

CRICKET has always been regarded as the last stronghold of decency in an age of unbridled fluff. No scandals are associated with the game. The players are not doped or maimed before a match. Nor has mixed cricket, walked the country grounds. But let us not be smug. Quietly and insidiously women are at work. They have appeared at Lord's in bathing dresses, and at the Oval in backless evening gowns. It is said that a batsman at Trafford completed a run—but did not stop. He continued to run all the way to the pavilion, where he had caught sight of a party of dancing girls. The demand for lady umpires (umpirettes) is but one manifestation of a pagan tendency which may yet reduce cricket to the level of the Halmu Thursdays at Penzance.

Whoa! Kerm up there!

CONTEMPLATING George Eliot's equine face in a picture, I was reminded of the

day when she called for her horse and they saddled the absent-minded Wordsworth and led him round to the front entrance. My fellow-hack, Timothy Shy, once remarked that Wordsworth and George Eliot were often mistaken for each other—particularly when they were between shafts. I wish I could have introduced Henry James to them both. Wordsworth's sonnet to George Eliot with her nosebag on is well known—George Eliot, Chaste snowdrop of the wild, Why hidest thou thy beauty in a sack? Bright angel! Nature's lone, perennial child! Why eat'st thou as the horses eat? Alack! O fiery steed, impatient of the rein,

turn in his bridge detective's badge. Do your detective work before you read on.

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Down

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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Bridge Crime Helps Rivals

By OSWALD JACOBY

A BRIDGE crime was committed when today's hand was played. See if you can spot the crime and the criminal.

West opened the queen of hearts and shifted to a low club at the second trick. Declarer put up the ace of clubs, drew three rounds of trumps and then ran the rest of his trumps for good measure, saving the five diamonds in the dummy. South finally led a diamond and took the rest of the tricks in dummy, making the contract with two overtricks.

Anybody who can't point to the criminal should get ready to

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♠ 10 7 2	♥ 10 7 2	♦ A K Q J 5	♣ A 8
♠ 9 7 2	♥ 10 7 2	♦ A K J 5 3	♣ 10 7 3
♠ 9 8 2	♥ 10 7 2	♦ A K J 5 3	♣ 10 7 3
♠ 9 8 4 3 2	♥ 10 7 2	♦ A K J 5 3	♣ 10 7 3
SOUTH			
♠ A K Q 8 5 3	♥ 8 6 4	♦ 6 4	♣ Q 10
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass
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WOMANSENSE



Could YOU do this at fifty?

LONDON. ALEXANDRA DANILOVA, the Russian Ballet dancer who has danced for 42 years and still dances—didn't like the question. Slim as an Oscar statuette, large-eyed as a cat—"Why should I be remarkable that I dance at my age?" she demanded. (She gave 29 as her age at her London wedding 23 years ago—so that makes her age 51. But reference books say she is only 49).

"I have danced all my life since I was nine," she said, her voice hitting a Russian bass note. "To dance demands love, dedication. Like Picasso who paints and paints."

I was watching her rehearse a new ballet. A blue figure, slicker-quick, full of a highly strung brilliance and surprise. One almost felt uneasy to see her dance like this—at 51.

Very naughty

Then she had collapsed into what could only be described as a baritone giggle at herself. "Oh, it is very naughty. I am blonde, you know with lots of feathers. And I am padded!" she told me, describing the costume she would wear that evening.

Fifteen or 50. I realised, it could make very little difference to Daniloiva.

But behind the effervescence? One always hopes to find effortless eternal youth. But no, that old boy of unremittent self-discipline rears its unlovable head.

Daniloiva, besides all the dance exercises and rehearsing that are normal in a dancer's life, also does those gruesome when-you-get-up-in-the-morning exercises we are all supposed to do.

"Can you do this?" she said. She bent down, legs quite straight and put her hands flat on the floor. She shuffled across the stage of the Festival Hall, still looped up, and came back again.

"Good for the stomach," she alleged.

Clap hands

She showed me the arm and chest exercise she does every morning—84 times, although she advises the beginner to start with 16. Hands and arms

stretched out straight from the shoulder. Switch the hands under and over one another very rapidly (Exhausting. You try it.)

Another exercise is swinging the arms before and behind and clapping the hands together. Arms held straight.

These three exercises (particularly the looped-up shuffle round the room) will keep any figure supple at 50—and after.

Feel fresh

Other Daniloiva tips are: Lots of sweeping with a long-handled brush. Good for the stomach and waist. Always pick up scraps from the carpet with legs straight.

"Use the grass machine many times." (She means the lawn mower—popular move with husbands.)

When you feel tired circle the shoulders round and round both forwards and backwards. "Make you feel fresh."

Beauty tips

General beauty tips she does not abound in, as she believes the main thing is to have a slim, fit figure. The rest follows—or seems to in her case.

"Every so often I declare a week of beauty. Then I diet, put cream on my body and really suffer," she said, rolling enormous eyes.

Somebody once did Mme. Daniloiva a great favour.

"They told me, 'Never eat ice cream. It will ruin your figure.' So I never touch. I don't know what it tastes like. I am afraid to because I might like it."

But her Grand Tip for feeling young and happy is:

"Always do anything unpleasant you have to do FIRST. Then you get younger and happier as you go through the day."

Anne Sharpley

Aluminium Goes Indoors

By ELEANOR ROSS

YOUNG couples setting up housekeeping, who have to work well within a budget, would do well to consider the summer furniture collections now in the stores. Some of the newest pieces seem to have been designed specifically for them rather than just for outdoor living. Although it is intended for summer porches and gardens, summer furniture today will be perfectly at home in the living room.

Not A Luxury

Instead of being a luxury, instead of being used only for a few months of the year, and then stored away, the new aluminium pieces are actually a sound investment. Nowadays the manufacturers have a way of scaling the colour finish on aluminium so that it won't fade from the sun. And of course, wet weather can't harm it.

Those delicate pastels as well as vibrant hues are all well represented in this sort of furniture, so that one can even keep the living room rug in mind when making a selection of "outdoor pieces."

Easy To Clean

Nothing is easier to move about than furniture of lightweight aluminium. And when it is upholstered in plastic material, as it generally is, nothing is easier to keep clean and bright. All you need do is to wash down the entire piece with a sudsy cloth and the furniture gleams like new again.

Pieces that look just as well indoors as in the garden, patio or on the porch, are finished in up-holstery that simulates more formal fabrics. Some of the pieces are extremely graceful, since aluminium tubing can be bent and worked into any pattern.

For households that include children, aluminium furniture is an excellent idea since it can take quite a beating and survive.



"Pipa," featured in Gilbert Orell's collection of Asiatic inspiration, is a black velvet and jersey tunic in the shape of a three-tiered pagoda. Agence France-Presse.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Hole in the Wall

—It Turned Out to Be the Twitchiness Home—

By MAX TRELL

LATE at night when everyone in the house was fast asleep, Knarf and Hand, the shadow-children, with their turned-about names, would have long talks with their old friend Christopher Cricket.

Christopher Cricket always had stories to tell. What was more, he liked telling them. "Now last night," he said, "I had an adventure. I call it, 'The Hole in the Wall.'"

He Sat On the Carpet

"Oh, tell it to us!" Knarf and Hand begged.

"Certainly!" replied Christopher Cricket. Then he sat himself down comfortably on the edge of the carpet, crossed his legs, straightened the crease in his trousers, and began:

"For a long time, my dears, I had been noticing that little hole in the cellar wall. It wasn't much bigger than an egg and it was about the same shape. It was only when I got up quite close to it that I saw that it wasn't just a plain ordinary hole. On no!"

The Entrance

"Why, what was it?" Knarf asked.

"It was an entrance," said Christopher Cricket.

Hand said: "An entrance? An entrance to what, Christopher?"

"An entrance," said Christopher, and he started to smile— an entrance to an entrance. That's what it was!

Knarf and Hand both told Christopher that what he just said didn't make much sense.

"I'll explain," said Christopher. "That egg-shaped hole in the wall was really a way into a dwelling-place for Mr and Mrs Twitchiness. They're

Chelsea Show Some Of Their Championship Form Against Huddersfield

London, Aug. 24.

Chelsea, English League Football Champions who were unexpectedly beaten at home on Saturday, showed some of their Championship form in winning at Huddersfield 3-1 this evening.

They gave a fine display of slick precise football with England player, Frank Blunstone, a big success on the left-wing.

HKAAA Accepts Offer Of Exhibitions By Bob Mathias

The Executive Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association yesterday accepted an offer from the United States International Educational Exchange Programme to have Robert Bruce (Bob) Mathias, the Olympic Decathlon Champion, conduct an athletics clinic and give exhibitions during a week's stay in Hongkong from November 28.

The offer was contained in a letter from Mr Daniel J. Ferris, Secretary of the National Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, which was read to yesterday's meeting of the Executive Committee of the HKAAA at the Education Department by the Hon. Secretary, Mr J. Kirkwood. Mr Raleigh S. M. Leung was in the chair.

The letter from Mr Ferris pointed out that Mathias was no longer eligible to compete as an amateur, but that his world tour to conduct athletic clinics had the approval of the American AAU, which advised the HKAAA to make use of his services.

Mathias was Olympic Decathlon Champion at the London Games in 1948 while still a schoolboy and Olympic Champion again at the Helsinki Games in 1952. He was, until recently, the world record-holder in the Decathlon.

The HKAAA Executive Committee decided also yesterday to inform the Hongkong Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee that it desired that Hongkong should take part in track and field athletics at the Melbourne Olympic Games next year and that the maximum strength of the athletics delegation would be three athletes and one official.

The Executive Committee adopted the recommendations of the sub-committee appointed to

Men's Events		Asian Games Selection	
100 Metres	10.7s.	10.7s.	10.7s.
200 Metres	21.8s.	22.2s.	22.2s.
400 Metres	49.0s.	50.0s.	50.0s.
800 Metres	1m. 57.0s.	2m. 00.0s.	2m. 00.0s.
1,500 Metres	4m. 00.0s.	4m. 10.0s.	4m. 10.0s.
5,000 Metres	15m. 20.0s.	16m. 00.0s.	16m. 00.0s.
10,000 Metres	32m. 00.0s.	33m. 00.0s.	33m. 00.0s.
110 Metres High Hurdles	15.2s.	15.2s.	15.2s.
400 Metres Hurdles	56.0s.	57.0s.	57.0s.
High Jump	6ft. 4ins.	6ft. 2ins.	6ft. 2ins.
Long Jump	23ft. 6ins.	22ft. 10ins.	22ft. 10ins.
Hop, Step and Jump	47ft. 6ins.	47ft. 6ins.	47ft. 6ins.
Shot Put	48ft. 0ins.	43ft. 0ins.	43ft. 0ins.
Discus Throw	145ft. 0ins.	130ft. 0ins.	130ft. 0ins.
Javelin Throw	210ft. 0ins.	190ft. 0ins.	190ft. 0ins.

Women's Events		Asian Games Selection	
100 Metres	12.4s.	12.4s.	12.4s.
200 Metres	25.0s.	26.4s.	26.4s.
20 Metres Hurdles	12.0s.	12.4s.	12.4s.
High Jump	5ft. 0ins.	4ft. 10ins.	4ft. 10ins.
Long Jump	18ft. 17in.	17ft. 17in.	17ft. 17in.
Shot Put	40ft. 35in.	35ft. 35in.	35ft. 35in.
Discus Throw	130ft. 100ft.	100ft. 100ft.	100ft. 100ft.
Javelin Throw	140ft. 110ft.	110ft. 110ft.	110ft. 110ft.

Nobody Is Giving Credit To South Africans For Being Good Players

Mr G. O. ("Gubby") Allen, Chairman of England's Test Match Selectors, is not concerned about the future of cricket, although he is willing to admit that present day batsmanship is disappointing.

"Nobody is giving the South Africans credit for being good players," he says. "Just because England won the first two Tests the South Africans were written off as a poor lot, and then because they won the next two Tests England has been labelled a poor lot."

"Actually the South Africans are a fine team who are only given a little credit at the time," he said, "I continue here the good work they did in Australia. Men like Tayfield, McLean, McGlew and Ender are world class."

Mr Allen said, however, that English batting had never this season come up to the standard expected. "Only May and Compton have been at all consistent," Mr Allen attributed England's real trouble to injuries. Only once this season in a Test, he said, had the selectors been able to call upon a batsman and Tyson was an opening attack, and the absence of Cowdrey and Appleyard had been badly felt.

PERFORMANCES
Mr Allen said that "judged upon their performances in the West Indies, Australia must be reckoned more formidable than England won Down Under, and he had no doubt that they would give England considerable trouble next summer."

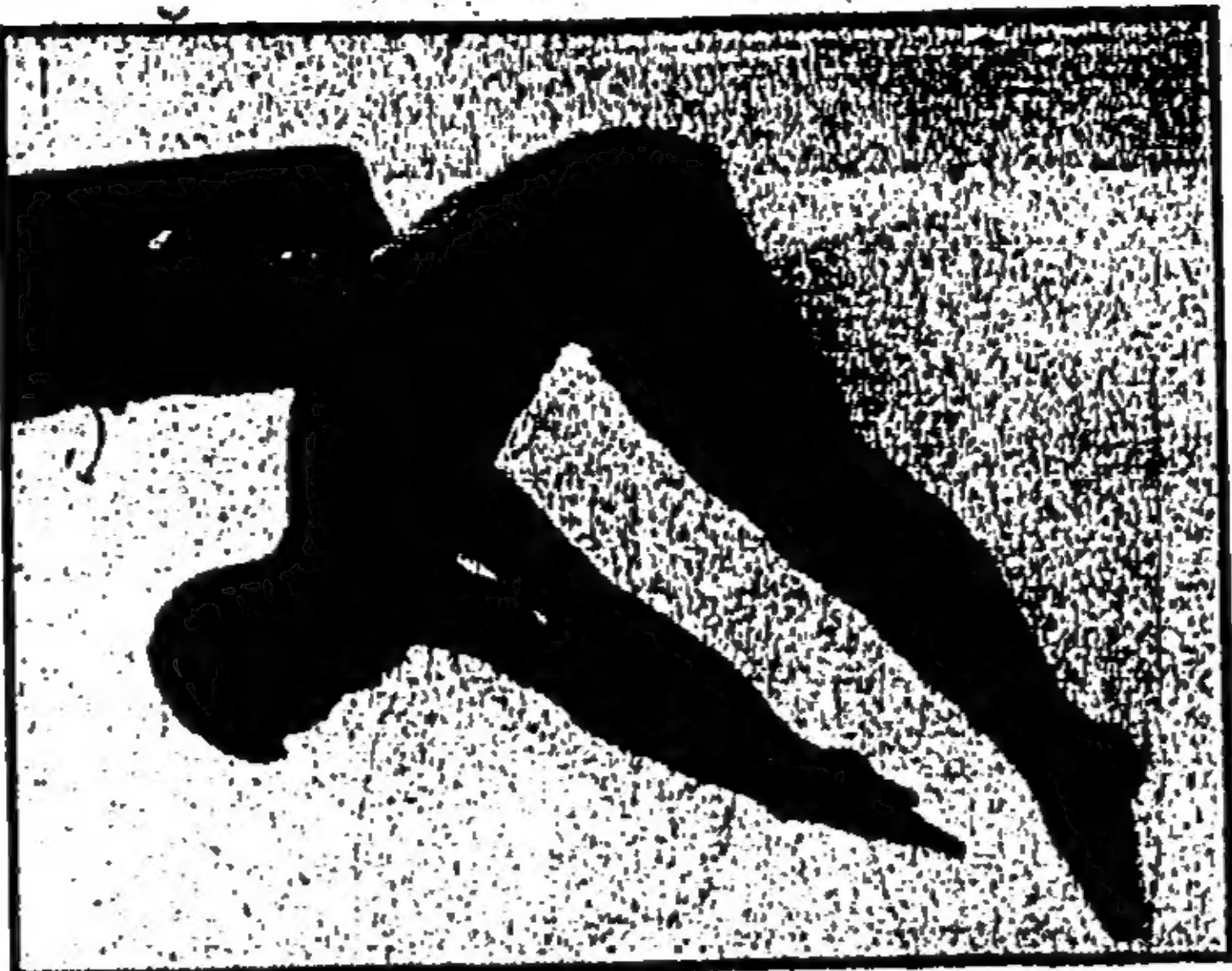
"But if we can pick our best eleven all the time," he said, "I think we can beat them."

An interesting feature at present in the obvious weakness of Denis Compton's right knee. He is limping more than ever and is continually holding it. One Press Box critic went so far as to opine that this could be his last Test.

Although he did not leave the field, Denis was in great pain at the Oval, and as he drove away from the ground after the match with his wife, he told her that he was going direct to the doctor. It will be a bad thing for England with Compton in his present form if his career is coming prematurely to a close at the age of 37.

Frank Tyson was at the match and he is optimistic about his injured knee. "The bruising is painful when I bow," he said, "but I should be 100% fit after a winter's rest. I am looking forward to meeting the Australians again."

SECOND BEST



The China Mail's Staff photographer caught Wong Man-ming in this jack-knife dive at the Hongkong Junior Diving Championship held at the Ladies' Recreation Club yesterday.

Wong's diving ability won him a second place award with 55 points—four points less than Fortuna's Francis Munz, the winner.

New York Yankees Are Now On Top Of American League

New York, Aug. 24.

The New York Yankees defeated the Detroit Tigers on two ninth-inning home runs today and regained possession of first place in the American League pennant race when the Chicago White Sox split a doubleheader with the Baltimore Orioles.

Yogi Berra led off the ninth with his 22nd homer of the season and Mickey Mantle followed with his 33rd to give the Yankees a 3-2 triumph over Detroit's Steve Gromek.

The White Sox, meanwhile, suffered a 2-1 loss to the Orioles after pounding out a 14-1 win in the opener of their third doubleheader in four days.

The Cleveland Indians shut out the Boston Red Sox, 2-0, on Mike Garcia's seven-hitter so the American League race shaped up as follows:

The Yankees lead the White Sox by a half game and three percentage points. Both have lost 48 games but the Yankees have won 76 and White Sox 75. The Indians are third. The Red Sox are still in sight of the lead—4½ games out in fourth place—but time is beginning to run short and against them as they must catch three clubs.

Steve Gromek protected a 2-0 Detroit lead produced by Al Kaline's first inning homer until the eighth when the Yankees scored their first run on Andy Carey's safe hit and singles by Bill Skoron and Hank Bauer. Bob Grim received credit for his fifth win although Don Larsen finished up.

Southpaw Bill Wight scattered nine hits for the Orioles in the nightcap after the White Sox collected a total of 20 hits in the opener. Wight shut out the White Sox until the ninth when Sherman Lollar homered. In the opener, Billy Pierce fired an eight-hitter, won his 11th game and reduced his earned run average to 1.78—best in the majors.

NINTH TRIUMPH

Garcia scored his ninth triumph against 11 losses, getting the runs he needed on Al Smith's 18th homer in the first inning and Bobby Avila's 10th in the sixth frame. The blows sent Frank Sullivan to his 12th defeat despite a competent eight-hit pitching effort.

Arnold Portocarrero pitched a three-hitter to give the Kansas City Athletics a 5-0 victory over the Washington Senators in the other American League game.

In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers increased their lead to 12½ games over the idle Milwaukee Braves by clubbing the Chicago Cubs, 9-5. Frank Kellert hit two homers for the Dodgers and Carl Furillo and Roy Campanella one each to lead Brooklyn's 10-hit attack. Russ Meyer got credit for the win—his fourth of the year and his 23rd in 20 lifetime decisions—with the Cubs.

Don Liddles eight-hitter and homers by Wayne Terwilliger and Ray Katt paced the New

Meet The Boss—by JAMES CONNOLLY

THE TRADITION THAT IS THE ARSENAL

"I think I'll have a word on the phone with Tom." Many is the time I've heard managers end a discussion on their football troubles with this hopeful suggestion.

For Thomas James Whittaker, MBE, manager of the world-famous Arsenal, is a man who hasn't let success run to his head, and who is always willing to help his worried or less-fortunate colleagues in the game.

A knee injury on the 1925 FA Cup tour ended Whittaker's playing career. He would have gone back to his trade of marine engineering but for Herbert Chapman. Chapman, then the new Arsenal chief, told Tom: "There is a great new field for trainers. Do what I tell you and I'll make you the best trained in the country inside two years."

Tom worked hard at his studies at nights and Chapman helped him on the practical side during the day.

In 1927 Tom, a qualified physiotherapist, was Arsenal's trainer.

VALUABLE LESSON

That year Arsenal lost the Wembley Cup Final to Cardiff when the ball slipped under goalkeeper Lewis's arm. But it taught Tom Whittaker a valuable lesson.

He realised that the lush Wembley turf quickly brought a high polish to the ball.

Lewis was wearing a new, smooth sweater. That is why the ball slipped.

Since then no Arsenal keeper has gone into a Final without his new sweater washed first.

Tom Whittaker never intended a football career. He was set on engineering, and, as a marine engineering apprentice, he turned down the offer of an Arsenal trial in 1919.

In 1920 Leslie Knighton persuaded him to join Arsenal as a part-timer. He worked with a London firm of ship repairers until he won his first team place.

In the last war Tom was an engineering officer in the RAF and was demobbed as a squadron-leader in 1946, when he returned to Arsenal as assistant to George Allison.

He became secretary-manager the following season. Under Whittaker, Arsenal have twice won the League Championship, in 1948 and 1953, the FA Cup in 1950, and they were again finalists in 1952.

The biggest snag he comes up against is the price he is always asked for players.

There is no purchase tax in football, but when Arsenal go in up scars the price.

OVERHEADS

We are a big club, but our overheads are proportionately high," he told me. "We can't afford silly prices. We must be absolutely sure that a player is right for Arsenal before we bid."

"All I want from any player is to believe in Arsenal. Then I don't think he will go wrong. The loyalty here has become a tradition."

The directors, like their manager, have an unenviable task. Arsenal have become a soccer showpiece, always expected to do the right thing—always expected to give that little extra.

Chairman, Sir Bruce Smith and his board believe in reaching for the top. Nothing else. If things get tough they keep on reaching.

They support Tom Whittaker in his never-ending quest for glamour players who will keep Arsenal on top.

Last season was the testing time. It was well worth while since players like Evans, Tapscott, Fotheringham, and Bloomfield were proved—but Arsenal took an awful lot of curping criticism in the process. "My board appreciates that much has to be done for the comfort of the spectators," Tom told me. "They are the people on whom we depend. That is why the north terrace will be covered as soon as possible."

When Tom was trainer, his wife Elsie rarely missed a home game. Nowadays she hardly ever goes.

She, more than anyone, knows the tremendous strain that each match puts on her famous hus-

band, so she stays at home to welcome him on his return.

SCALE MODELS
The Arsenal boss hasn't entirely forsaken his early training as an engineer.

He has fitted out an elaborate workshop in his Hertfordshire home. There, with his hobby of building scale models of engines and ships, he escapes for brief moments from the uncertainties and worries of the football manager's life.

But even then he has a phone at his elbow.

Tom spent his youth in the North-East, at Newcastle, but he was born at Aldershot where his father, a Regular soldier, was stationed with the 12th Lancers.

He was 57 last month. He has served his club for 35 years. It was no sincere following in the steps of Chapman, the great team builder, and Allison, the character with the flair for putting things over in a big way.

But Tom will be bracketed with them in the Arsenal saga. The Arsenal job is tough. It needs diplomacy, fortitude, the social graces and, above all, the ability to handle men.

Tom Whittaker has them all. He has earned the friendship of many people in football. He has won the respect of everyone in the game.—London Express Service. (COPYRIGHT).

U.S. Davis Cup Captain May Use Ham Richardson For Singles Play

Forest Hills, Aug. 24.

U.S. Davis Cup captain Bill Talbert had an unexpected problem today as Hamilton Richardson's fine form in practice made him a possibility for Singles play in this week-end's Davis Cup Tennis Challenge Round against Australia.

Until yesterday, it had seemed certain that Talbert would use Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas for both Singles and Doubles play. Richardson and Gil Shea, the other team members, had been spotty in tournament play this year and had been ordinary in practice.

But Richardson, 21-year-old Rhodes scholar who will go to Oxford this fall, beat Seixas in three practice sets Tuesday, outplaying him soundly in each set. Ham's service was strong, his passing shots were accurate, and his overhead game good.

It is a dilemma for Talbert, and must be decided by the time of the formal draw for Thursday. If the U.S. loses the cup, Talbert is sure to be criticised, no matter which man he picks for the Singles.

UNIMPRESSIVE
Seixas always has been unimpressive in practice, but often has been able to raise his game to a very high level for an important match. He won both the Wimbledon and U.S. Singles title, and won a Singles match in Sydney last year.

The Australians continued to look sharp in practice as Lew Hoad drilled with Rex Hartwig and Ken Rosewall against Ashley Cooper, while Neale Fraser filled in here and there at various times.

Hoad and Rosewall will play the Singles, and Hoad-Hartwig the Doubles. Trabert worked out yesterday against Jack Kramer and Don Budge, the professional coaches for the U.S. team, and seemed in good shape. He was hitting hard, with some errors, and with some brilliant shots, too.

Psychology is playing its part in this cup series. Rosewall has always found it easy to beat Seixas, even though Seixas beat him in the second match last year, and the Aussies therefore hope that Vic is a Singles selection.

WELL BESTED

"I think I am over the hump against Rosewall—he doesn't bother me any more," Seixas said yesterday. "I am well rested, and feel just as good as I did last year just before the Challenge Round."

Seixas says he has paced himself and trained himself to reach physical and mental peak for the play against Australia.

Meanwhile, Aussie coach Harry Hopman has no such trouble. He knows his team, and is ready to go.

"Hoad has had hard work and is looking satisfactory," he said. "Rosewall has had lighter drill and I think he is all right."

United Press.

Rain Disturbs U.S. Tennis Championship

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, Aug. 24.

Rain, which has battered the life out of the 75th National Tennis Doubles Championship, washed out play again today at the seventh time since the tourney began.

It meant that play would now run through Saturday, six full days beyond the original deadline, and was almost sure to produce more defaults among the remaining second-string team.

The first-stringers, American and Australian Davis Cup teams, had long since defaulted. In favour of Cup Challenge Round play this Friday at Forest Hills, New York.

Quarter-finals are now scheduled for tomorrow, semi-finals for Friday, and finals on Saturday. In the Women's Division, the semi-finals will be played tomorrow, and the Finals on Friday.—United Press.

Upset Victories In Women's Amateur Golf

Charlotte, North Carolina, Aug. 24.

Pot Lesser and Mrs Betty Probasco led the way into the quarter-finals of the Women's National Amateur Golf Tournament today with upset victories.

Miss Lesser knocked out Mary Ann Downey, who had taken over favourite's role by defeating defending champion Barbara Rosen yesterday, by a one-up margin in 21 holes. Mrs Probasco, the only girl in the tournament who had played consistently close to par, defeated Grace Lenczyk, 4 and 2.

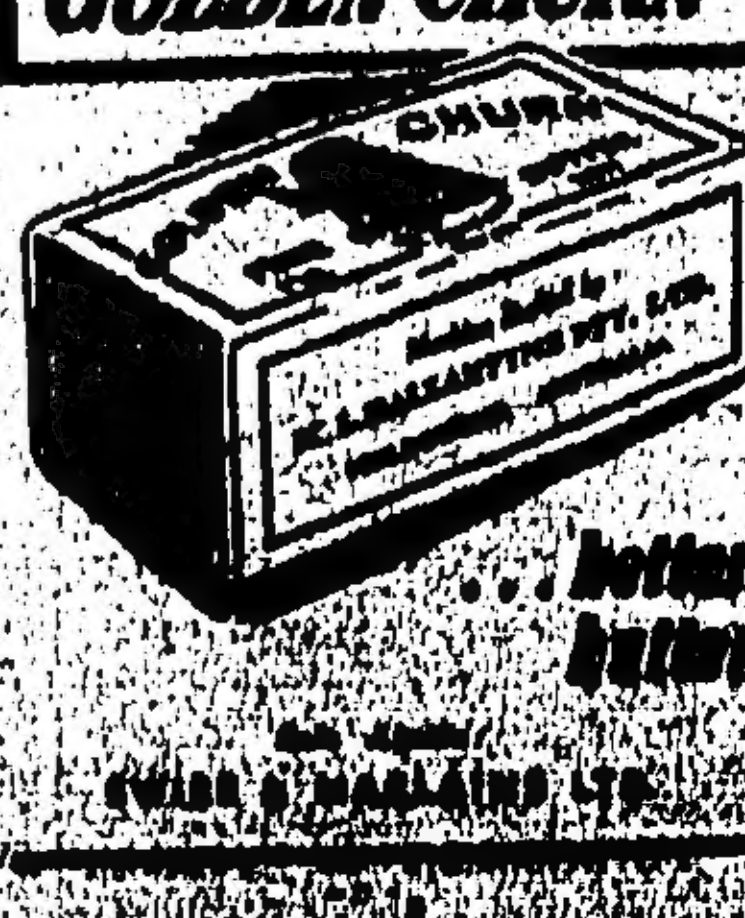
Miss Lenczyk was the last former champion in the field.

After two rounds of 18 hole matches today, the others left were 17-year-old Anne Quast, Jane Nelson, Barbara McInnis, Margaret (Wiff) Smith, Polly Riley, and Mrs. Jane Crum Covington.—United Press.

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FOUR GIRLS HAD 14 HUSBANDS

Mother Acquired
Fortune

Moscow, Aug. 24.

Kometa, Nasart, Tovman and Kaipu, the
lovely black-eyed much-married girls of Changyr-
Tash, are just a little tired of getting married.

They are unlikely to wed again unless it is a
real love-match. For the mother of Kometa,
Nasart, Tovman and Kaipu has at last been
exposed after marrying off the four sisters to 14
different husbands in exchange for dowries.

The stranger-than-fiction
story of how the girls were sold
and re-sold by their mother in
an out-of-the-way settlement
close to the Soviet-Chinese
border has just appeared in a
Moscow newspaper.

The four beautiful sisters,
daughters of a peasant woman,
Saidat Adkhalimova, grew up in
the settlement of Changyr-Tash,
a tiny Moslem village in the
deep south of Kirghizia, a Soviet
republic bordering on China.
Adkhalimova seemed such a
good mother at first that the
Government gave her a "medal of
maternity," the newspaper
Komsomol Pravda reported.

Forbidden To Leave
When Kometa, the eldest
daughter, was 17, her mother
told her: "It's high time for you
to get married." And she ad-
vised: "Without money, hap-
piness is impossible."

Soon, Kometa was married off
to Zaindy Viskhanov, a man 20
years older than the bride, but
with enough resources to pay
20,000 roubles (about £2,000
sterling) to the mother.
Kometa and Viskhanov drove
away to set up home in the
Djambul region of neighbouring
Kazakhstan. After a short time,
Adkhalimova wrote to ask her
daughter to visit the settlement
again. Once back in Changyr-

Tash, Kometa was forbidden by
her mother to leave again.
The mother looked around and
found a new husband for her,
Jalalidin Radnev, who paid 5,000
roubles (about £500 sterling) to
marry Kometa. The first husband
was abandoned.

Once again, Kometa settled
down with her new husband,
and once again her mother forced
her to leave home. A third
husband was found for her, then
a fourth, then a fifth, then a
sixth. Each time the scheming
Adkhalimova pocketed a fat wad
of roubles for selling her
daughter.

Eventually, the newspaper said,
no-one else could be found who
was willing to give a dowry for
Kometa as a bride.

Adkhalimova then turned her
attention to her second daughter,
Nasart. Together, they travelled
200 miles to the settlement of
Khaidarkan, where the girl was
married to the highest bidder.
Soon afterwards, her mother
obtained another dowry, and then
a third husband was found for
Nasart.

By this time, old Adkhalimova
was rich. The third daughter
Asma refused to let her mother
find a wealthy husband for her,
and escaped the fate of her two
elder sisters by threatening to
tell the police of the "marriage
ring" on which Adkhalimova
was doing so well.

Two More
This did not disturb the
mother unduly, for at home
there were still two younger
daughters, Tovman and Kaipu.
In time they were found
successful husbands and more
roubles flowed in.
Before the story came to an
end, Adkhalimova had sold her
four daughters to 14 husbands.
In return she received 70,000
roubles (about £7,000 sterling)
not to mention large quantities
of valuable goods.—China Mail
Special.

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By Order of the Board,
F. H. FELL,
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Hongkong, 10th Aug., 1955.

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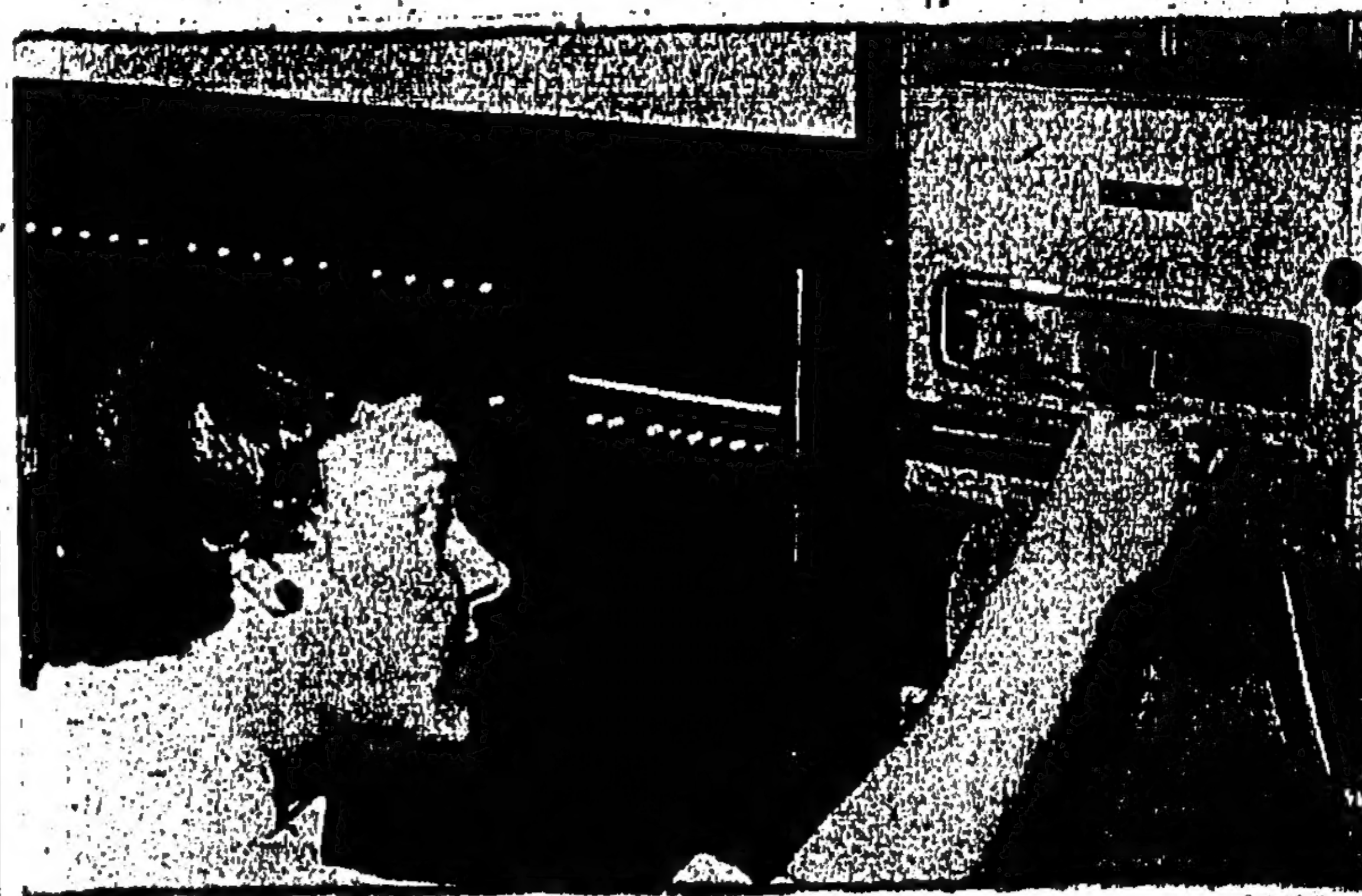
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Wellington, Aug. 24.

When the Treaty of Waitangi
was signed 115 years ago Queen
Victoria gave her protection to
the Maori and they accepted the
sovereignty of Britain.

From time to time a case
arises up where a present-day
Maori claims that that pro-
tection justifies a disregard of
the white man's laws.

The most recent case occurred
at Whangarei, not far from
Waitangi, where the Treaty was
signed.

A Maori, Mr. Timoti Heteraka,
caught in the act of taking god-
wits, a bird which is protected
by law, claimed that as the old-
time Maori could take all birds
for food, the Treaty of Waitangi
gave him the same right at the
present day.

The Magistrate was not con-
vinced and the three godwits
shot Heteraka a total of
£24 5s 0d in fines and court
costs.—China Mail Special.

ADENAUER
PLANS
STRATEGY
Moscow Visit

Geneva, Aug. 24.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer
and his top foreign policy ad-
visers have completed West
German strategy preparations for
his Moscow trip in Septem-
ber, a spokesman for the Chan-
cellor said at Mueggen today.

Dr. Adenauer, Foreign Minis-
ter Heinrich von Brentano and
his aides held a high level strategy
conference that lasted all day
yesterday. They met at the
hotel in this Swiss Alpine resort
where Adenauer is vacationing
until on August 27.

The spokesman said that Dr.
Adenauer's programme for his
Moscow visit is now complete.
He will meet with Party
leaders this weekend in the hope
of winning as broad a political
support as possible at home
before he flies to Moscow.—
United Press.

New 7th Fleet
Commander

Washington, Aug. 24.

The Navy announced today
that Rear-Adm. Stuart H.
Ingersoll will replace Vice-Adm.
A. M. Pride as commander of
the powerful Seventh Fleet in
the Far East in December or
January.

Adm. Ingersoll has served
the past two years as Chief of
Staff of the Atlantic Fleet under
Adm. Gerald White, Fleet
Commander. He was an aircraft
carrier commander in the Pacific
in World War II.—United Press.

WHITE DIVER CAN
MATCH JAPS

Darwin, Aug. 24.

A 32-year-old white pearlshell diver, who
intends to retire at the end of the season, claims
to have exploded the theory that a European
cannot equal a Japanese as a diver.

He is Richard Edward Sommers, the last of
one hundred Europeans who, since World War
II, have tried gathering shells from the seabed off
the north Australian coasts.

For nine years, he has de-
fied the extreme pressure of
the depths, paralysis, diver's
sickness and "the bends."

made a pass at me I lunged
forward at his nose with a
shell in my hands. To my
amazement, he turned and darts-
ed off.

Shark Wary

"The shark is wary in at-
tack. If you let out air from
your suit, the bubbles will
frighten him away."

But the giant devil ray,
weighing up to two tons, will
not be frightened by air bubbles.
On the contrary, he chases
them.

When a diver sights a ray, he
signals to be pulled up immedi-
ately because if the ray should
brush against the lifeline, it
would snap like cotton.

Main Danger

The main danger in diving is
not under water at all, Sommers
says, but on the surface, in the
"tender" who holds the diver's
lifeline in his hands, like a
puppet on a string. Trained
Japanese tenders are the quick-
est to respond to the diver's
signals—and it is the seconds
that count when the man in
the helmet is in trouble.

When a diver being dragged
along the pearl bed by the tide
sees a ledge ahead in the sea-
bed, he signals to be raised
until he gives another signal to
stop.

Slow reaction from the ten-
der and the diver is over the
ledge and dropping into water
fathoms deeper. His helmet is
forced off by the increased
pressure and the sudden drop
... and all is over for him.

Down below, the giant devil
ray, not the shark, is the
diver's enemy.

"I have often rubbed should-
ers with man-eating sharks,"
Sommers says. "I didn't know
what to do when I saw one
underwater for the first time. I
had heard that his nose was
his softest spot and when he

Frighten Away

Sommers believes that diver's
paralysis, and its cure, frighten
white men from the industry.
Lugers off the Australian coast
are not fitted with decompres-
sion chambers and a diver
developing pains after surfacing
has to be put down to his pre-
vious depth. The pains disap-
pear as he hangs, sometimes for
hours, in the pitch blackness
of night, while schools of fish—
or maybe a shark—dart past in
streaks of light in the
phosphorus-flecked water.

Sommers has won his bread
and butter from the sea since
he left school when only 14
years old to work with the
barbecued, crayfish and scallop
fleets out of Hobart, in Tas-
mania.

He served with American,
Dutch, Norwegian and Pan-
amanian merchantmen during
the war and when he last
signed off was at Townsville,
Queensland. There he met John
Childs, who had set a diving
record of 61 fathoms off
Sydney.

Childs told him that there
was a fortune to be made in
pearlshell diving. From various
ventures, Sommers has made
some money in nine years, but
the "fortune" has yet to be
gathered and it looks as though
it will not now come from his
own diving efforts since this is
his last season.—China Mail
Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



FERD'NAND

By Mik



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

Home Fleet
To Visit
Copenhagen

London, Aug. 24.

Part of the British Home
Fleet will visit Copenhagen for
the British trade fair opening
there on September 29, it was
announced today.

A complete British military
tattoo of more than 800 troops
will also be shipped overseas
for the first time to give per-
formance during the show.
Britain will play Denmark at
football and an Anglo-Danish
boxing contest will be held.

The Duke will arrive on
October 12 on a two-day visit
in the yacht Britannia.
Earlier a major force from
the Home Fleet led by its
Commander-in-Chief, Admiral
Sir Michael Dore, in the fast
minesweeper Apollo and including
the aircraft carrier Albion and
two of the British fleet's
fastest destroyers, the Daring and the
Dauntless, will sail into Copenhagen
harbour. The Duke of Edinburgh
will be accompanied by the
Queen Mother and the Duke of
Gloucester.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

JAPANESE TEXTILE IMPORT QUOTAS

Swiss Watch Industry

EXPORT SALES INCREASE

Zurich, Aug. 24. The dark cloud hanging over the Swiss watch industry since the United States increased tariffs on imported watches now appears to have a silver lining.

More watches, watch parts and watch accessories were exported by Switzerland during the first half of 1955 than during the corresponding period of 1954 according to the latest statistics.

The increase over the first six months of 1954 was 3 per cent or 13,770,000 francs bringing the total value of exports of this major branch of Swiss economy up to 471,004,527 francs for the first two quarters of the year.

LIBERAL POLICY

This, say persons closely connected with the watch industry, was to a great extent due to a more liberal policy on imports followed by a number of countries.

Competition by other countries was stiff on certain markets and was most felt by Switzerland in the Netherlands, Denmark, and Austria. The main competitor in these three countries was Germany.

Exports to Denmark dropped by 1,070,846 francs, 2,535,436 francs when compared with the same period of 1954, in the Netherlands the drop was only 281,052 francs with the new total being 5,107,415 francs whereas exports to Austria increased by 748,345 francs and totalled 3,390,491 francs down by 900,001 francs were the exports to Italy, that only made purchases totalling 28,088,013 francs.

AS A WHOLE

Seen as a whole, however, exports to European countries with a total value of 147,097,547 francs were higher by 15,402,503 francs.

On the American side, increased sales to various South American countries among them Bolivia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and to Canada were more than offset by the drop in exports to the United States, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela.

Total exports to North and South America therefore dropped by 11,790,395 francs (US\$2,754,228) to 188,599,076 francs (US\$44,056,744).—United Press.

Rhodesian Loan Fully Subscribed

Salisbury, Aug. 24. The Rhodesian Federal Treasury local loan of £7,000,000 has been fully subscribed, it has been announced here.

The greater part of the loan funds will be used for the Federal Government's own development programme and the rest will be re-lent to the governments of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The loan was underwritten by a consortium of finance houses consisting of the African Finance Corporation Limited, Rhodesian Anglo-American Limited and Philip Hill, Higginson and Company Limited, a China Mail Special.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Aug. 24. The tin market was steady with a turnover of 30 tons. Copper was very firm while zinc and lead were also very steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	740	751
3-month	740	750
Copper spot	300	300
3-month	302	303
Lead and half Aug.	107	107 1/2
Nov.	107	107 1/2
Zinc 2nd half Aug.	89 1/2	89 1/2
Nov.	89 1/2	89 1/2

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Aug. 24. Prices of metal futures closed today as follows (in cents per lb.):

	Aug.	Sept.
Lead	14.00	14.00
Zinc	12.00	12.00
Copper	12.00	12.00

Turkish Orders For Jap Yards

London, Aug. 24. The Turkish Maritime Bank has placed orders in Japanese shipbuilding yards for five passenger vessels and one tanker, Ankara radio reported tonight.

The passenger vessels, to be built by the Uraga Shipbuilding Yards, will have tonnages varying from 2,500 to 4,500 tons each. The tanker will have a tonnage of 21,300.

Japanese shipbuilding yards have already launched three passenger vessels, previously ordered by the Turkish Maritime Bank.—Reuter.

London Stock Market

London, Aug. 24. The stock market bounced back lustily today, thanks largely to professional covering and a realisation that public selling had unexpectedly dried up.

British Governments, paced by undated issues, climbed by as much as 2 1/2%. Industrials showed solid gains, with electricians shares pacing the rise. Associated Electric, Rolls Royce, Courtaulds, Unilever, and Ford Motors were up two shillings or more.

Oils were strong, as Royal Dutch, British Petroleum, and Burmah all closed five shillings higher, whereas in copper shares were spotlighted by Rio Tinto, which jumped more than four shillings.

German Potash bonds showed a 2 1/2% gain. The Berlin Loan was up 2 1/2%, and Japanese bonds also showed strength.—United Press.

New York Stock Market Prices

New York, Aug. 24. Stocks made further upward progress today despite some late profit-taking which shaved early gains.

The market advance, resumed in abrupt change of pace late yesterday carried leading stocks up 4 points on average at the highs today and boosted turnover to 2,140,000 shares, best in two weeks, compared with 1,890,000 shares yesterday.

Leaders held enough of their early advances to lift the industrial average 2.04 points, rails 0.12 and utilities 0.08 on the day.

Steel shares stood out with gains of close to 2 points in Bethlehem and Armco.

Du Pont was one of the strongest performers with a rise for the day of 4 1/4 points.

Anacoda continued strong in the non-ferrous metals, climbing more than a point on top of yesterday's rise of almost \$5. High-priced Reynolds metals gained more than \$4.

Rails were mostly up fractions. Telephone continued to feature as the most active issue. Curtis-Wright, U.S. Steel, Sperry and Anacoda followed in order.

Of a total 1,157 issues traded, there were 599 higher, 327 lower.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$5,690,000. American Stock Exchange volume was 610,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	400.20
20 Rails	37.37
13 Utilities	68.10
40 Bonds	108.11
Comm. future price index	152.61

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	2 1/2%
Allied Chemicals	1 1/4%
Allied Mills Ind.	30
Am. Chalmers	72
American Airline	24 1/2
American Cyanamide Co.	59 1/2
Am. Radiol. & F. dry.	2 1/2
American Metal	5 1/2
American Smelting	85
Am. Sugar Ref.	17 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	74 1/2
American Tobacco	74 1/2
Borden's Copper	30 1/2
Armco Steel	43 1/2
Armstrong	14 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton	14 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/2
Beckman Aviation Corp.	40 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	140
Boeing Airplane	62 1/2
Borden's Copper	30 1/2
Burroughs Add. Machine	20
Canadian Pacific R.	30 1/2
C. & N. Financial Corp.	40 1/2
Celanese Corp.	65 1/2
Chase National Bank	65 1/2
Chrysler Motors	65 1/2
Consolidated Paper	65 1/2
Continental Oil of Del.	65 1/2
Continental Steel	65 1/2
Crown Paper	65 1/2
Cuba R. Sugar	65 1/2

American Industry Wants Introduction To Safeguard Home Products

New York, Aug. 24.

The Daily News Record, textile trade daily, yesterday published a letter from an American textile executive urging Congress to set quotas on Japanese textile imports.

In a letter to the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute in Washington, Mr. Donald Comer, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Avondal Mills, Sylacauga, Alabama, said the American textile industry should have two objectives. They were:

New York Sugar Market

New York, Aug. 24. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 114 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with no sales reported.

Routine operating between trade interests featured the small trade in world contract futures.

Contract No. 4 (world)

Contract No. 6

Spot (cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)

United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Aug. 24. Cotton prices today showed an overtone of steadiness as the market saw-sawed in quiet dealings.

Contract swapping between trade interests in the process of consolidating market positions, furnished the main activity.

At the close the list ruled 8 points lower to 18 points higher. The market opened up 4 to 6 points. New Orleans closed up 12 to 14 points.

New business continued to be held in abeyance while traders awaited crop developments and a clearer picture of the export outlook for raw cotton and the chances for new price support legislation when Congress reconvenes.

Routing domestic mill and shipper buying, plus October covering, steadied the nearby months, March and May dragged under the weight of liquidation and hedge selling. Spot interests were accredited sellers of the early 1956 deliveries against purchases of the far forward months.

The discount of a cent or more a pound on new October and December in relation to the nearby months attracted some investment buying in that sector, traders said.

Other dealers awaited publication of the weekly loan figures after the close from which they hoped to gain a hint of what the production marketing policy may be as harvesting operations begin to expand.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month volume Open Interest

October 24,700 32,500

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ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

Shigemitsu Has A Lot To Discuss

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The possibility of Japan increasing its trade with Communist China was raised and the Foreign Minister said he would discuss the rules prohibiting certain trade with China with Mr. Dulles.

He then discussed the freeing of Japanese war criminals still in custody and said that their retention in prison was "contradictory" to the new understanding between Japan and the United States.

He said the war ended ten years ago. "Now is the time to wash up any trace of that unfortunate war," he said. "It is high time the war prisoners were released."

He said the subject would be discussed with Mr. Dulles and he described that subject on the Washington agenda as "very important."

LOST BAGGAGE

Mr. Shigemitsu was late for his press conference, which was attended by more than a score of reporters, photographers and newsmen, because his luggage had been lost for several hours after his arrival at the Fairmont Hotel, where he will stay overnight before leaving for Washington tomorrow.

The luggage finally was found in a room containing bags belonging to delegates to an electronic convention.

At the press conference also were Mr. Toshikazu Kase, Ambassador and permanent observer for Japan to the United Nations; Mr. Sadao Iguchi, Ambassador of Japan to the United States; and Mr. Tetsuo Shimomura, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Washington.

During the press conference the Foreign Minister replied in English, delivering a special message for a Japanese television cameraman in Japanese.

"COMFORT" WISH

Mr. Shigemitsu said that just before he left for Washington he received a personal letter from the former Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, wishing him "comfort" on his journey and a successful trip. He said it was not a political letter.

The Foreign Minister said he agreed with the statement of Japan's economic planner in the Diet that \$500 million in reparations to the Philippines should be considered. He also said Japan should give "very serious" consideration to the reparations proposal of the Philippine government.

"I hope the question will be settled amicably," he said.

Mr. Shigemitsu arrived here after his trans-Pacific crossing by Japan air lines.

Discussing the levying of the Japanese income tax assessments on foreigners, Mr. Shigemitsu said he believed that foreigners in Japan desired to be treated as Japanese nationals but added that if Americans thought they were unfairly treated he was sure the government would consider practical readjustment of the levies.

Wages Soar In Britain

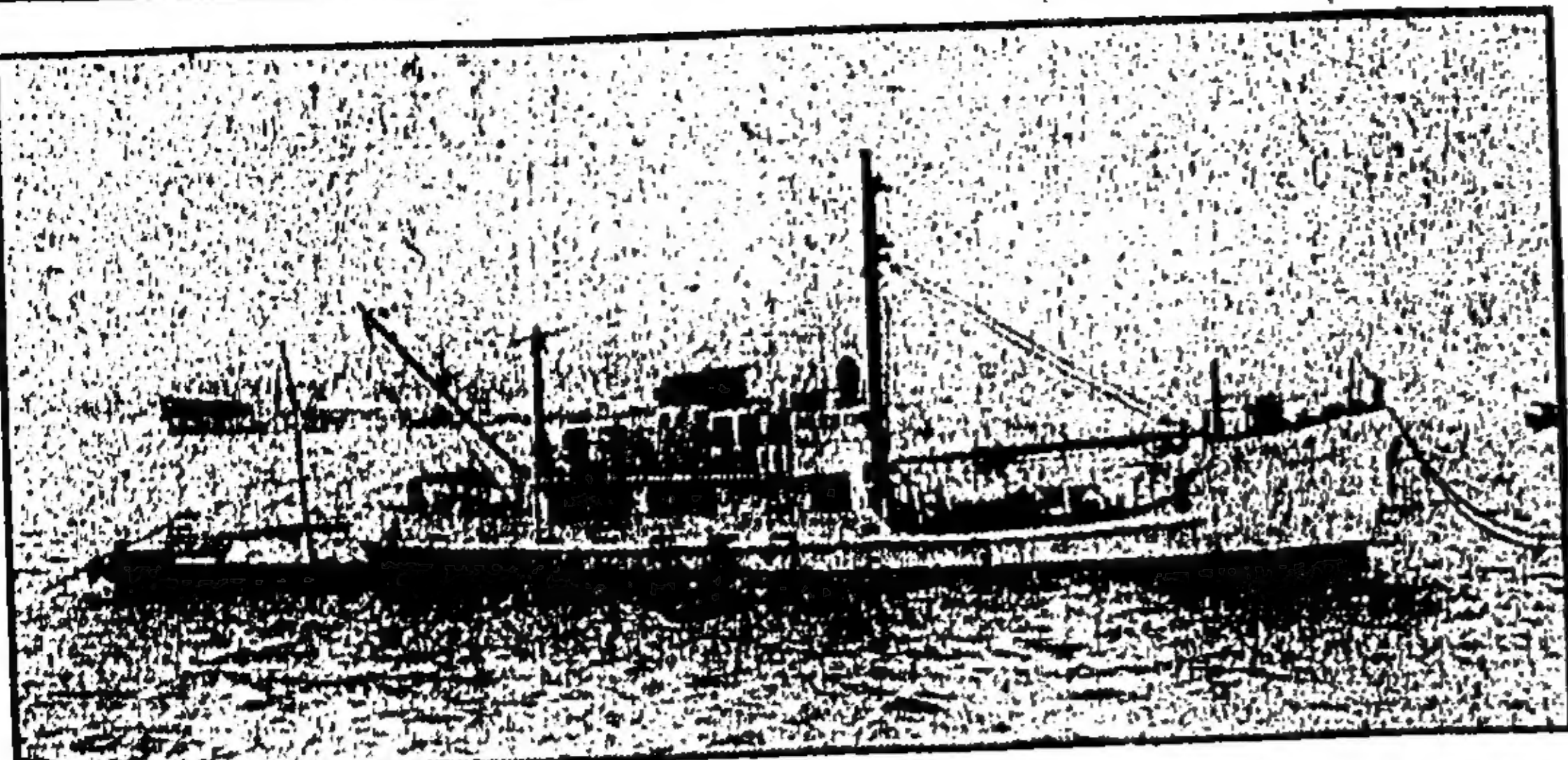
London, Aug. 24. More than 10 million Britons have received pay increases this year—almost half the nation's working population—the Ministry of Labour disclosed today.

The ministry's official gazette said that since January, wage rises for 10,078,000 people cost about \$2,400,000 weekly had come into operation.

In the same period last year there was a net increase of \$2,445,000 in the weekly wages of 7,841,000 employees.

These latest figures gave point to the Conservative Government's fears that the flood of pay rises could undermine its anti-inflation policy, strengthened recently by a "credit squeeze" designed to cut home spending and channel more British goods for export.

Ministers are now anxiously watching the outcome of current wage demands by three million shipbuilders and engineers and a looming claim by nearly 400,000 railway workers.—Reuters.



The Kenya Lang riding at anchor in Hong Kong harbour this morning before beginning her maiden voyage. — Staff Photographer.

THOSE GENEVA DISCUSSIONS Washington Disturbed And Irritated

Washington, Aug. 24. American officials are disturbed and irritated over the gloomy outlook for early release of the 41 US civilians still held by Communist China, it was learned today.

The United States and Red China have been conferring at Geneva for more than three weeks on the prisoner issue. But the talks have been deadlocked by Communist stalling on guarantees that the Americans will be freed.

While the Reds could announce the release of some or all of the prisoners at any time, officials said there was no sign that such a move could be expected any time soon. However, they still hope some plan can be worked out.

President Eisenhower, the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, and other high administration officials keeping a watch on the Geneva talks, were said to be at a loss to know why the Reds are balking.

TO NO AVAIL

On the eve of the August 1 conference, Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai said the problems of the Americans in China could be settled easily. The US Ambassador, Alexis Johnson, top American at Geneva, has reminded his Chinese colleague of Premier Chou's statement, but to no avail.

The Red negotiator, Wang Ping-nan, has harped on the theme that the cases of the Americans are under review in Red China. But he has been unwilling to give ironclad assurances that they will be freed.

Officials said the Reds might be stalling in order to use the prisoners for bargaining purposes with "other matters at issue" between the United States and Red China are discussed at Geneva. The Communists up to date, however, have not attempted to move on to other problems between the two countries, it was said. — United Press.

Doctors Go On Strike

Vienna, Aug. 25. A 48-hour strike of 15,000 doctors and 2,500 dentists commenced this morning in Vienna, where members of the medical profession expressed their dissatisfaction on a new national health law.

During the morning there will be a large meeting to be attended by the strikers and a fleet of cars will be fitted with loudspeakers to tour the city explaining the reasons for the strike.

At the same time an emergency system of 3,000 doctors has been set up for urgent and serious cases.

This is the first professional strike in Austria since October 1950.—France-Press.

Inquiry Reveals Narcotics Ring

Colombo, Aug. 24. A two-month inquiry into an attempt on June 18 to smuggle 850 pounds of opium from Ceylon to Australia in an electric generator has revealed the existence of an international ring of narcotics dealers, local authorities said today.

Scotland Yard and Ceylon police, who co-operated in the investigation, are asking the Australian government to trace the person to whom the concealed opium shipment was consigned, police said.—United Press.

HK-Built Ship Sails For Sarawak

A beautifully sleek, yellow and white ship named Kenya Lang, is due to begin her maiden voyage to Sarawak this afternoon.

The ship was built by the Choy Lee Ship Co. under the supervision of the Hong Kong Marine Department. She is intended to be a buoy-tender as well as a lightship.

She is to be delivered by a local crew under Captain S. Barling. The crew will be flown back to Hong Kong on completion of their mission.

The Kenya Lang has an overall length of 113 feet and a maximum width of 24 feet. Her accommodation for 25 officers and crew. The tonnage will be measured in Sarawak.

Powered by a Blackstone Diesel Engine, she has a maximum speed of 9½ knots, and is valued at about HK\$488,000.

Dispute Over Water

"I am a cook, and I have to wash the vegetables which I have bought," pleaded Cheung Kiu, 23, of 369 Main Street, who has been charged with interfering with a public water hydrant without authority before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant was fined \$5 or seven days.

The prosecution told the court that on August 24 defendant was seen by two police constables to be turning off a public water hydrant with a pair of fire tongs.

Asked what was the motive behind his action, accused said his co-tenant had a dispute with the house, and since they could not settle the dispute in any suitable way, he decided to turn off the main water hydrant so that there would be no water for either of them.

His words said there must be no interference with a hydrant belonging to the Waterworks.

TYPHOON IRIS HITS FORMOSA

Taipei, Aug. 24. Typhoon Iris moved toward the Tachen Islands late today, leaving behind a flooded city and washed out rail lines, in central Formosa.

The storm hit the east central coast of Formosa early today between Hualien and Taitung. A Central News Agency report said half of Hualien was flooded and rail lines leading to the city had been washed out at five different places. Two serious landslides were reported.

The Hualien weather bureau reported nearly seven inches of rain on Tuesday night.

There was no report of casualties.—United Press.

NO MORE WARNINGS

The Hong Kong Royal Observatory reported late this morning that no information was available concerning the tropical storm Iris, which had moved inland to the NW of Pootow.

No further warnings on this storm will be issued by the Royal Observatory.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 6.30 p.m. Half Hour presented by Robert Acheson (Studio); 6.30 p.m. Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7 p.m. V.O.A. The Parade; 7.30 p.m. "The Heart of the Matter"; 8 p.m. Leopold Stokowski and his Symphonies; 8.30 p.m. The News (London Relay); 8.30 p.m. Commentary (London Relay); 8.30 p.m. Special Announcement; 8.30 p.m. A Short Concert by Alfredo Campello (Studio); 8.30 p.m. Journey into Space, written and produced by Charles Chilton. Episode 11 (BBCRS); 9 p.m. Time Signal; 9.15 p.m. The News (London Relay); 9.15 p.m. At the Opera; 9.30 p.m. Act 1 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 2 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 3 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 4 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 5 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 6 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 7 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 8 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 9 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 10 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 11 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 12 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 13 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 14 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 15 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 16 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 17 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 18 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 19 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 20 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 21 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 22 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 23 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 24 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 25 (George Gershwin); 9.30 p.m. Act 26 (George Gershwin); 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